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Paris Fraud Sensation

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
VICHY, Jan. 14 (UP).—The Paris Criminal Court has indicted a charge of fraud and complicity against Countess Louise-Clary, and an American, Samuel M. Livingstone, President and Secretary respectively of the Committee of Packages for Prisoners of War, alleging that accused had taken for their own use money, provisions and packages sent them for distribution to prison camps.

Despatches from Paris to-day reported that they had made full confessions.

They were arrested on December 3, the Countess at her luxurious apartment near Champs Elysees, and he at the Paris suburb of Boulogne-sur-Seine.

R.A.F. STRIKE AGAIN: DESTRUCTIVE RAID ON CATANIA, IN SICILY

CAIRO, Jan. 14 (REUTER).—AT LEAST NINE AIRCRAFT, BELIEVED TO BE GERMAN JUNKER 87'S (DIVE-BOMBERS), WERE DESTROYED WHEN THE R.A.F. MADE A HEAVY RAID ON CATANIA (SICILY), ACCORDING TO A MIDDLE EAST R.A.F. COMMUNIQUE.

THE RAID OCCURRED ON THE NIGHT OF JANUARY 12-13. A SERIES OF ATTACKS WERE MADE AND VERY HEAVY DAMAGE WAS CAUSED, THE COMMUNIQUE STATES. TWO HANGARS ON THE WESTERN SIDE OF THE AERODROME WERE SET ON FIRE, ONE BEING DEMOLISHED.

Another hangar on the east side was also set ablaze. Heavy explosions occurred and a number of fires were started among the administrative buildings.

Bombs hit the main runways and the railway line along the west side of the aerodrome.

On the same night, raids were made on aerodromes at Berka and Denina. Many planes are believed to have been put out of action by bomb splinters and subsequent machine-gun attack.

On the previous night, raids were made on barracks and defences at Derna and fires were started among the barracks.

Albanian Activities

Military concentrations at Barli (Albania) were bombed on Monday and it is believed that direct hits were registered. Smoke was seen rising from the bridgehead in the south end of the town when British aircraft left the target.

Raids were made on the night of January 12-13 on aerodromes at Asmara, Brant, and Agordat in Italian East Africa while at Mal Adaga a further attack was made on Caproni workshops where a large fire was caused among the buildings.

At Tessenet on Monday a dive attack was made on motor transport concentrations and fires were started. From the operations in East Africa, all our aircraft returned safely.

ITALIANS IN BAD POSITION

Rome Admission

LONDON, Jan. 14 (Reuter).—Signs are growing that the Italians are beginning to see that their position in Libya and East Africa is getting worse all the time.

The Cairo communique said that in the Sudan in the neighbourhood of Kassala, patrol activity is continuing.

The fact that there is nothing fresh to report from Libya may be taken to mean that British guns are still pounding away while the Imperial army musters for the final assault on Tobruk.

Empire Cut Off

Broadcasting to the Italian Empire, Rome radio yesterday said "The Empire is virtually cut off from the Mother country."

Italian East Africa in particular is almost completely cut off. Its only communication is by air but the R.A.F. is now so completely master of the air in Africa that it is highly unlikely that the odd Italian plane or two, which have been keeping up communications between Libya and Eritrea by night will now venture on the dangerous journey. Writing from the Italian frontier, a special correspondent of the newspaper "Le Temps" says that for Italy the battle for North Africa is no longer for Imperial aims but is a fight to preserve a part of Italy's national territory.

R.A.F. Takes Prisoners

LONDON, Jan. 14 (Reuter).—Italian prisoners in Libya are still being rounded up and R.A.F. fighter planes are giving a hand in this work.

Flying low over the desert skimming the cliffs on the seashore at times where they spot Italians taking refuge in caves, they have on several occasions enabled quite large bands to be captured. Two days ago a Hurricane pilot saw a small party of Italian officers at the water's edge. The Navy was informed and a motorboat took them on board, the party including the commander of the Sid Barran garrison.

Another British fighter captured 180 Italians. The pilot at first thought that the men were British but he came down low and spotted

CONGRESS & AID TO BRITAIN

Bill To Be Debated

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14 (Reuter).—Mr Sam Rayburn, Speaker of the House of Representatives, stated to-day that he was willing to accept "any restrictions whatever" on the Lend-Lease and Lend-Bill provided that they did not interfere with the general purpose of the Bill.

Mr Sol Bloom, Chairman of the House Foreign Relations Committee, before which the Bill is coming to-morrow, said that he proposed to offer one or two amendments.

Mr Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, will be the first witness at to-morrow's hearing. He will be followed by Mr Henry Morgenthau, Secretary of the Treasury, and Mr Henry L. Stimson, Secretary for War, and on Thursday Colonel Frank Knox, Secretary of the Navy, and Mr William Knudsen, Director General of President Roosevelt's new Supreme Defence Directorate, will testify.

Replying to questions, Mr Bloom said that he was not going to call former Ambassador William C. Bullitt and Joseph P. Kennedy before the Committee, but he would be very pleased to arrange for Messrs Herbert Hoover, Alfred Landon, Wendell Willkie, Bullitt and Kennedy to appear if they requested to be heard.

Mr Bloom added that the request that a representative of the "America First" Committee be heard, had been granted.

Willkie Endorsement

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14 (UP).—The sharp split in the Republican attitude to the Lend-Lease programme has heightened the prospects of the early enactment of the measure. Impartial circles said to-day that Mr Willkie's endorsement of the Bill had achieved a fundamental break in the solid front of the anti-administration group.

Representative Kenneth Simpson, New York Republican, who is regarded as Mr Willkie's spokesman in Congress, announced his wholehearted support of the basic principle of all aid to Britain. He sharply attacked the stand taken by Mr Thomas Dewey in New York and Mr Herbert Hoover.

Menzies Confident We Shall Win

LONDON, Jan. 14 (Reuter).—"I am more than ever convinced that victory of our just cause will not be long delayed," says the Australian Prime Minister, Mr R. G. Menzies, replying to a telegram from General de Gaulle, congratulating him "on the magnificent achievement of the Australian troops at Bardia and their effective contribution to the defeat of our common enemy."

He let loose a burst from his guns at them and then flew around and around keeping them together. A truck load of British soldiers arrived to relieve him.

NO NAZIS IN BULGARIA

Sofia Statement

SOPIA, Jan. 14 (Reuter).—The presence of German troops in Bulgaria or any diplomatic steps in this connection is officially denied in a statement issued here to-night.

The Bulgarian telegraph agency says that it is authorised to declare that no foreign troops have passed into Bulgaria and that the Bulgarian Government has made no approach to any foreign governments since no reason for such steps exists.

ROOSEVELT OUTBURST

Opposition Gibe "A Rotten Lie"

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14 (Reuter).—President Roosevelt made an impassioned outburst at a press conference to-day against an opponent, whom he did not name, of the legislation authorising him to carry out his policy of total aid to the democracies.

The President said that he had read in a paper that "every fourth American child would be ploughed under." This he described it as the "rottenest lie that has been said in public life in my generation."

Untruthful and Dastardly

President Roosevelt declined to say who made the statement originally, but declared that it had been repeated by several people and added that "it was a good time to kill a poor slogan at birth."

"I regard the statement as the most untruthful and most dastardly and unpatriotic thing that has ever been said. Quote me on that."

(In a wireless speech on Sunday night, Senator Wheeler said that the leader of the opposition to the Administration's Lend-Lease Bill had termed the measure the "New Deal's triple foreign policy—to plough under every fourth American boy.")

LATEST

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BERLIN TOO IS BOMBED

Thanks to the work of the R.A.F., Goering has had his boast, that no bombs would ever be allowed to fall on German soil, thrown back in his teeth. Here is pictorial evidence that not only German soil, but Germ city capital, Berlin, has received visits from the R.A.F. This is a part of Berlin East hit by British bombs in a recent raid.

Antonescu Summoned To Berlin, Report

Rumanian Waters Closed

BELGRADE, Jan. 14 (Reuter).—Rumanian officials refuse to confirm or deny the report that General Ion Antonescu, the Rumanian Premier, has been summoned to Berlin.

M. Horia Sima, the Deputy Premier and head of the Iron Guard, has called meetings of his followers in all towns on January 19. Speakers will address the meetings on "the struggle of Nazi Germany and Fascist Italy for the establishment of a new European order."

Meanwhile, the Rumanian newspaper, "Curentul," sounds a note of defiance over the German plans to turn Rumania into a granary and oil reservoir at the expense of her industrial development. It says that the legionary regime does not dream of giving up Rumanian industry but on the contrary it must be expanded.

Ban on Shipping

LONDON, Jan. 14 (Reuter).—Rumanian territorial waters have been declared a danger zone for shipping in an official communique issued by the Rumanian Navy Minister quoted by the Ankara radio.

Ships desiring to navigate in the waters of the Black Sea must obtain permission and notify the port authorities. It is stated.

No reason for this measure is given.

South African Navy

LONDON, Jan. 14 (Reuter).—For the first time African warships are co-operating with the Royal Navy outside South African waters.

A flotilla of mine-sweepers left some weeks ago to join the mine-sweepers of the Royal Navy.

War Supplies Council

Members Named

LONDON, Jan. 14 (Reuter).—The great increase in the volume of British supplies from North America has necessitated a change in Anglo-American liaison organisation.

A committee has now been established called the British Supply Council in North America, the Chairman being Mr Arthur Purvis, at present Director-General of the British Purchasing Commission.

Additional members will be Mr Morris Wilson, Sir Clive Baillieu, the Australian representative on the Imperial Economic Committee since 1930, Sir Henry Self, Director-General of the British Air Commission, and Vice Admiral A. E. Evans, head of the Admiralty Mission in Canada.

The Council will deal with all issues of policy concerning supply, including representations to be made to the United States administration. Sir Clive Baillieu is appointed TURN to Back Page, Column 5

Hongkong Man Injured In Desert War

A former Hongkong resident, Mr John Greaves, who enlisted in the Australian Imperial Force at the outbreak of war, was among the Empire troops that took part in the recent fighting in the Western Desert.

News has just been received in the Colony that he was injured in action on Christmas Eve.

Born in Shanghai, young John Greaves is the eldest son of the late Mr Cecil K. Greaves, who was a member of the firm of A. S. Watson and Co. in the northern port for more than 30 years. He studied at the

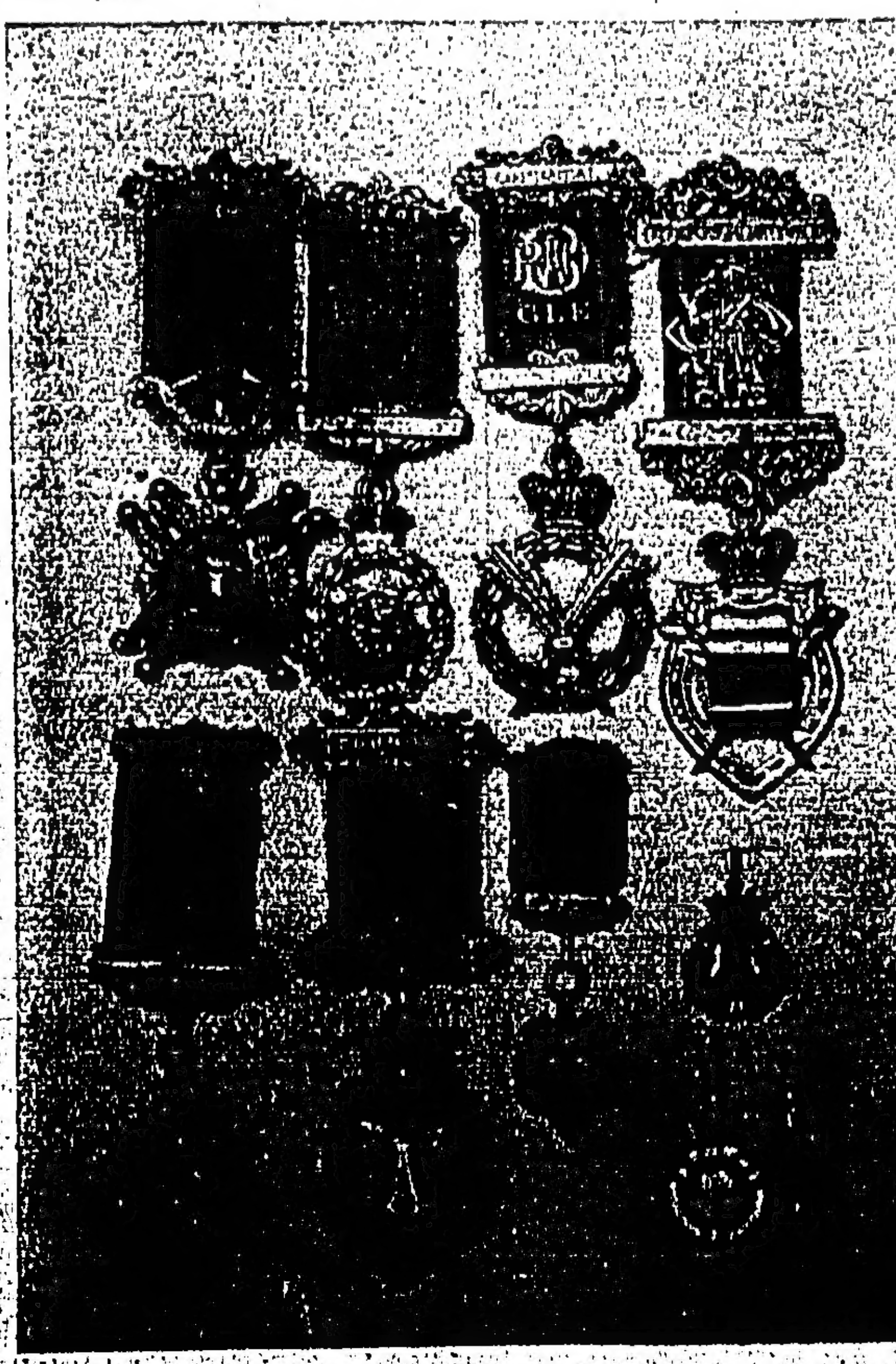
Shanghai Public School, and played football regularly for Erin Villa and the Shanghai Recreation Club.

Coming to Hongkong in 1937, he joined the "Hongkong Daily Press" and later M. Berns and Co., and left for Australia in 1939.

Mr Greaves has a brother, two sisters and other relations in the Colony.

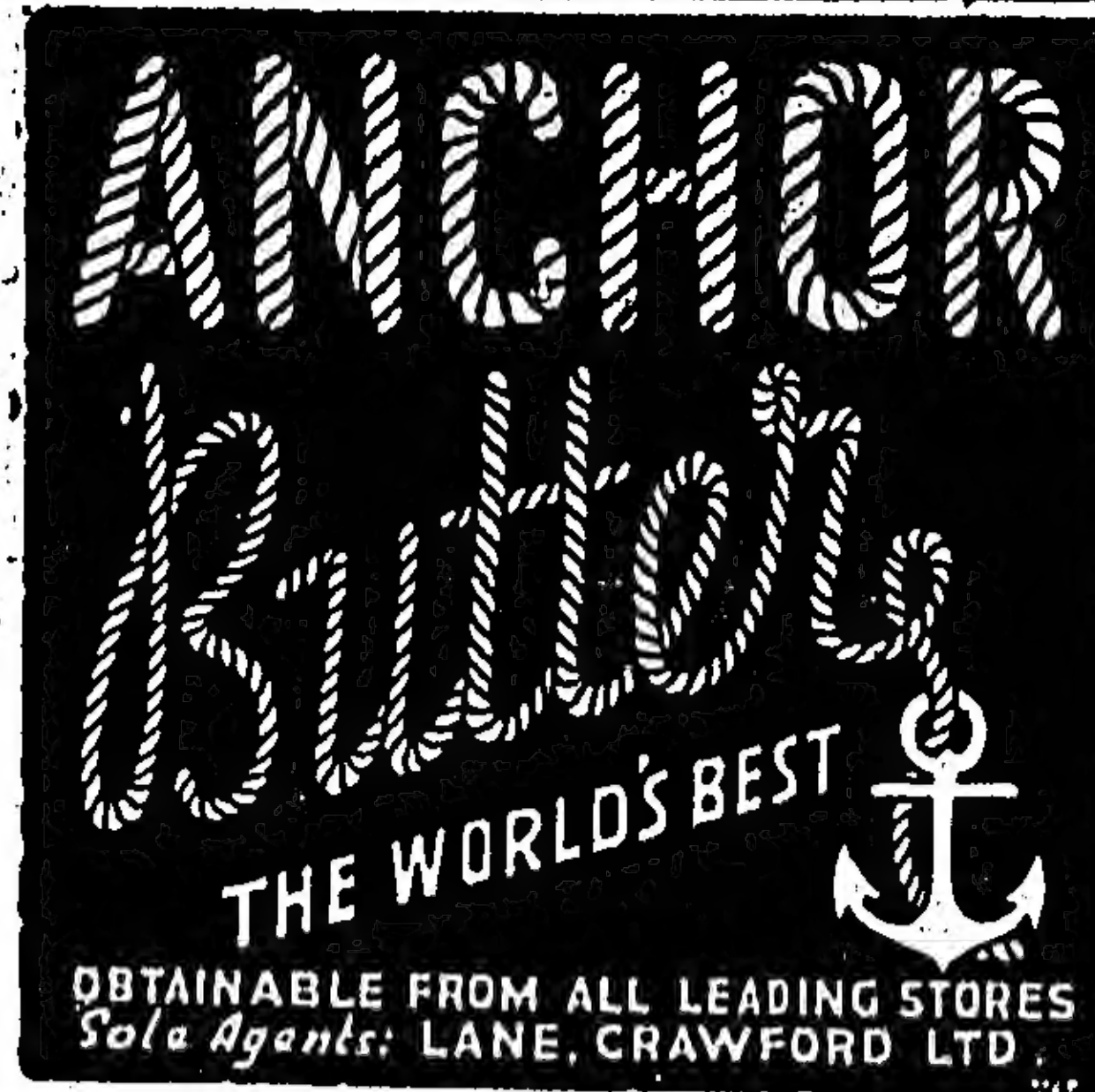
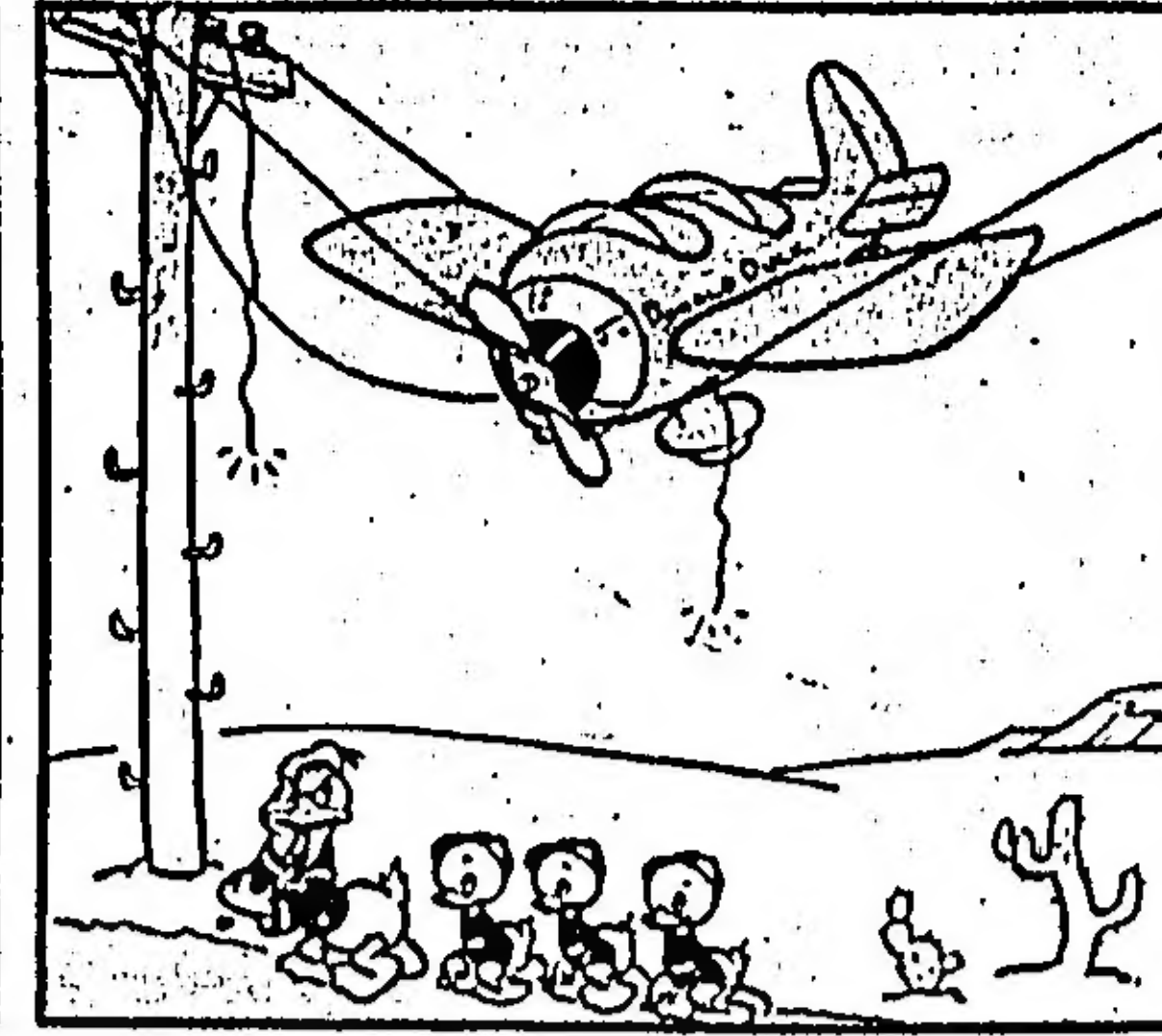
MEDALS FOR THE Bomber Fund

Medallions and "Society Orders" have been donated by Mr A. E. Manwaring for the Bomber Fund. The medals will be melted down and their values placed to the credit of the Fund.



DONALD DUCK

By Walt Disney



MAGAZINE PAGE

BOMBING THE GERMANS



How Science "Reads" the Ages of Fish

TELLING the age, origin of fish and how many times they have spawned by their scales is a new technique recently developed by Dr R. A. Nesbit of the United States Fish and Wild Life Service and David H. Wallace of the Chesapeake Biological Laboratory of Solomons, Maryland.

The scales of fish show annual growth "rings" much like the annual rings in trees. Fish scales are better age indicators than teeth in horses.

The portion of the scales shaped like an inverted "v" which lies underneath the skin reveal these "rings." They show up as blank spaces where the new scales were not laid down due to slowed growth during winter. It is necessary to use a microscope for accurate results.

Such factors as food supply, saltiness and temperature determine the scales' first-year rate of growth. Biologists can tell whether a fish was born in the Hudson River, in Chesapeake Bay, or even in what part of the Chesapeake Bay tributaries.

The fish absorbs the calcium it needs from the outer edge of the scale at each spawning. This shows up clearly in "scar tissue" in the scale "biography."



When last seen the ship was direct hit. (Below) registered a "near miss" but the first bomb (top picture) Arm of the Norwegian coast. Skua aircraft of the Fleet Air Force is seen in the background.

Balloon Barrage Improved

A German bomber was brought down recently in England through being caught in a balloon barrage of improved design. The machine fouled a balloon cable.

It is not possible to give any details of this new weapon of defence, but it enables our balloons to fly at a much greater height than hitherto.

By Hannen Swaffer:

Is the Public Told Lies?

"WILL you please enlighten me as to whether the public outside London is, or is not, being gulled by the B.B.C. and the Press as to the damage being done to London and suburbs?"

The letter comes from a woman in Herne Bay. Someone has been telling her harrowing stories of the destruction of London.

THE most illuminating reply I can make is by quoting the remark made yesterday by a friend who, despite the fact that he is a violent anti-Nazi, has just been released from an internment camp, and who was surprised, when he went round the town, at the comparative smallness of the damage.

And this was after the violence of a recent night's bombardment!

"When, in a Yorkshire camp, we read the papers and heard the wireless news," he said, "we thought things were much worse than they are."

I SEE, some mornings, that a bit more of my boyhood has gone, that places I knew in my youth and in my manhood have suffered damage. The London of Wren and the London of Dickens are now, in parts, among the ruins that Hitler knocked about a bit!

The old music-hall where I last saw Marie Lloyd is now only a shell. Two theatres from which, at different times, I was barred for telling too much truth about snobbery or floundering bear the marks of bombs.

The restaurant where first I lunched with Chaliapine will not seat any more hungry folk for months.

Cinemas where I have seen many films famous for their brief lives suffer serious scars. An actor's flat—well do I remember the grim supper-

party he gave after a big flop—is no more.

Homes of the poor and mansions of the great have suffered.

There are gaps in hundreds of roads.

But—London is still there.

NOT till yesterday did I hear of the death of a man I knew well. For weeks, others had lost relatives or friends. Mine had all survived. Then I was told of a colleague who was killed while walking into his club.

I shall hear of more—unless I go first. We are all in the front line.

THE minor tragedies I hear about are the loss of personal possessions—the collections of years of travel or experience which, valuable to everyone else, are precious to their owners.

"All my film stars are gone," said a man yesterday.

He meant his scores of photographs gathered together during years in Hollywood.

Manuscripts have been burned by the hundred. Pictures have been smashed.

Many a man's Cavalcade of personal reminiscence has disappeared.

LONDON, in the daytime, is more or less normal. People arrive late at their offices, perhaps, a little grumpy after a bad night and then a roundabout journey.

Business goes on somehow. Sirens are almost disregarded—until nightfall.

Then, soon after the Black Out, as a rule, the Warning comes.

That means another night of it.

For half an hour or so there are still a good many people in the streets.

Then, when the guns start, they disappear, one by one. Until morning, except for occasional passers-by, the streets are almost empty.

LONDON'S just a big village now, at night," said a shopkeeper, closing just after dusk. A few taxis run during the evening. There are some omnibuses. Otherwise, almost the only traffic is a hurrying ambulance or a fire engine dashing past.

BUT the guns—and the explosions!

If you are lucky, you get to sleep while there is silence. If not, they keep you awake for hours.

Even a bomb that has fallen half a mile away seems only a few yards distant.

You hear the fall of glass—and, every hour or so, a heavy drone means the presence overhead of a Nazi plane.

At intervals for hours there are bangs and thuds, sounds of collapse, thuds underground.

THEN at long last—unless you have slept—there comes another day.

You hear of deaths in one district, ruins in another, and stories that "So-and-so has copped it," when, if you go to look, there is usually only a hole in the road.

The paradox is that while people make the worst of it when they talk of damage—that is why all the stories spread—they put on the best air they can when they face another night.

Their philosophy saves them. Their insular calm is their shield.

AS for the Heroes of the Night—and they are legion—what are we going to do about them?

An auxiliary fireman wrote yesterday:

"May I, on behalf of all of us, say that we consider that it is our turn to do a job of work?" he said. "We are doing what we can. No praise is asked for."

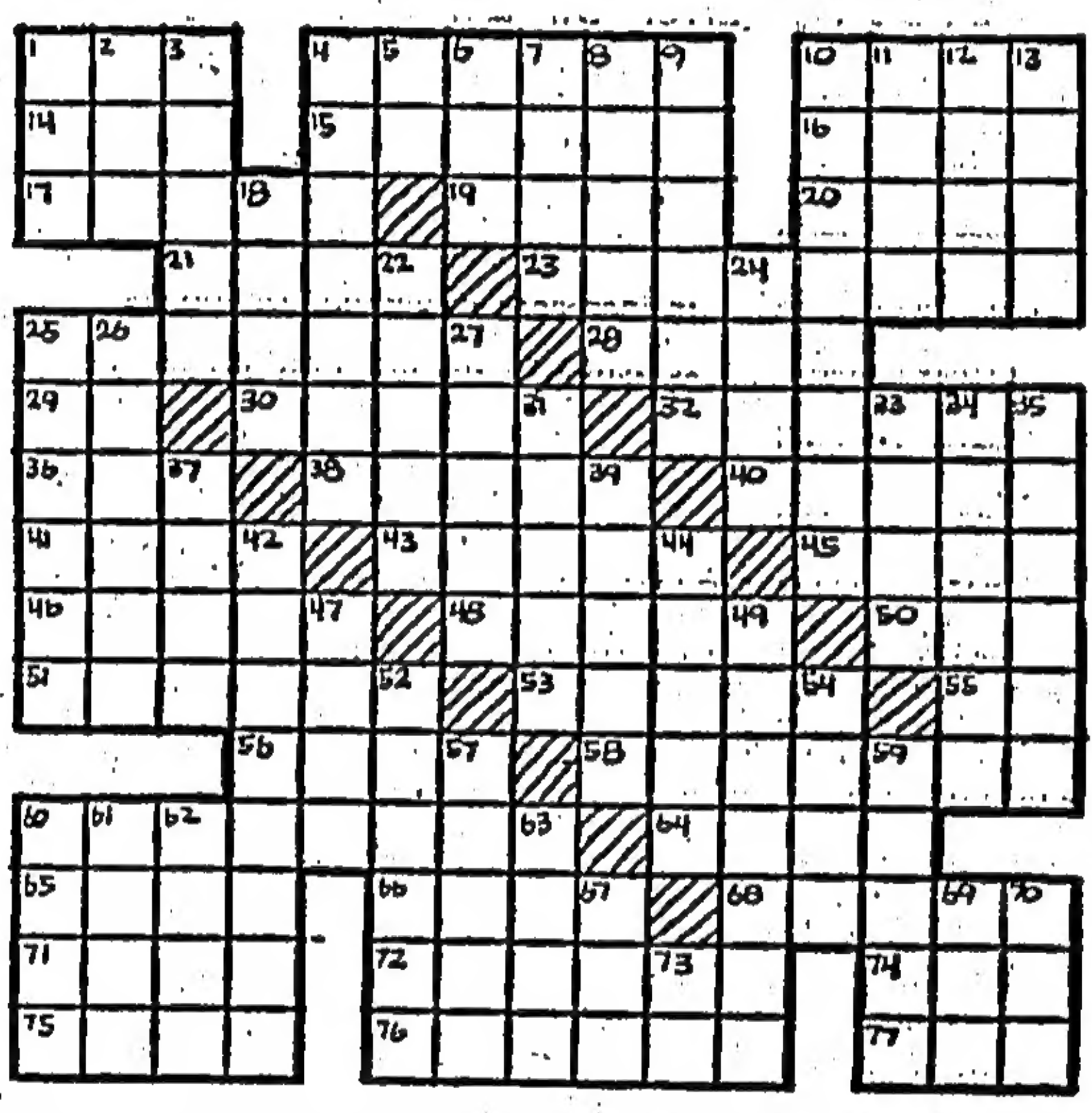
"There is one thing, however, that we would like—pensions for our widows! Yesterday, we were asked to subscribe towards seventeen widows of A.F.S. men. The widow of one of our own chums has had to go to the Public Assistance Board.

"We work 48 hours at a stretch, and then one day off—in other words, an average of 112 hours per week. But that is not half so important as the wife. Please do something, and you will find us balancing on even higher bits of wall and doing the impossible with as light a heart as ever walked on a duty path."

Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

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- 1—Robert
 - 2—Tends toward opposite state
 - 3—Outer coat
 - 4—Treat as
 - 5—Convince
 - 6—Case for sewing
 - 7—Instrument
 - 8—Apprenticed
 - 9—Bridge
 - 10—Member of ancient
 - 11—Arran race
 - 12—Captain of Nile boat
 - 13—Arranged in order
 - 14—Fashion
 - 15—Instructions
 - 16—Origin of plant
 - 17—Printer's measure
 - 18—72 inch thing (col.)
 - 19—Shoals at long range from cover
 - 20—Imitate
 - 21—Move in eddies
 - 22—Make laborious research
 - 23—Unclean substance
 - 24—Kind of ship
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Britain's Motor Torpedo-Boats

by "Taffrail"

Fast motor torpedo-boats now figure in most of the world's navies. The naval book of reference "Jane's Fighting Ships", mentions 25 such vessels in the British Navy, with another ten due to be constructed under pre-war programmes. There are also six motor anti-submarine boats. What additional fast motor-craft may have been completed or laid down since the outbreak of war, it is impossible to say.

M.T.B. No. 102, in which I was taken before the war, may be taken as fairly typical of the boats built by one well known firm. She is what is generally known as a "hard chine" boat, 68 feet long and built, as to skin and frames, of mahogany, with Canadian elm for timbers, hog, chine and gunwale. Her deck house and most of the deck-fittings are of stainless steel, and the fully-laden displacement is about 28 tons on a draught of 33 inches.

Driven by three eighteen-cylinder engines each of 1,000 horse

power, her fully-laden speed is over 40 knots. Like others of her class, she has two V8 engines which can be used to drive the wing shafts, and producing a speed of 8-9 knots.

The roar of the engines at full speed is like that of an aeroplane, and as the noise might give away a night attack, the auxiliary engines, noiseless outside the ship, would enable an M.T.B. to creep up to an enemy at night, to fire her torpedoes, and then to make off at full speed. The change over from the Auxiliary to main engines can be accomplished in about twenty-five seconds.

The armament consists of two 21-inch torpedo-tubes, and a number of machine-guns. Depth charges could also be fitted for work against submarines.

My trip to sea was in moderate weather, and I was struck by the seaworthiness and habitability. Even at over forty knots, with her bows lifted well out of the water,

there was very little fuss or bow-wave.

The accommodation consists of a roomy forecabin with comfortable air-cushioned lockers, a wardroom for the officers, a wireless cabin, and a small galley and lavatory. There is a small dunnop most for signalling purposes and for carrying the wireless aerial; one set of engine controls with a wheel in the deckhouse under cover, and others on deck.

Motor torpedo-boating is necessarily a young man's job, and though comparatively little has been heard of the work of British M.T.B.'s since the war, it can be said that they have done arduous service in all sorts of weather with conspicuous success.

As to what the future may bring in this type of craft, one can predict, but M.T.B.'s of 60 knots with a greatly extended range of action are by no means impossible.

The first British torpedo-boat ever built, the "Lightning" of 1877 of 34 tons and 19 knots speed, was roughly the same size as some of the M.T.B.'s now in the Royal Navy. The little "Lightning" was really the ancestor of all our modern torpedo-craft, including the large destroyers of to-day.



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GOOD NEWS INDEED!

WHEN "The Star", one of London's evening papers, describes the R.A.F. blitzkrieg raids on the invasion ports as being of "immense significance", as it did yesterday, there is every good reason to accept this assessment of Britain's new air offensive as being accurate. It is probably an understatement; for the significance is not so much that we are destroying Hitler's chances of attempting an invasion of England, as that our air force is now numerically strong enough to adopt and improve on Goering's Luftwaffe technique.

British bombers no longer have to carry out their raids without protection other than their own guns; they are now receiving the assistance of fighter planes, thereby adding tremendously to their striking power and effectiveness.

This has been the Luftwaffe's method ever since it took such a beating in the early mass raids on Britain, and the presence of escort fighters very largely accounts for the decreased number of invading machines brought down. Now the Nazis are to have a full dose of their own medicine, and the results can be confidently predicted.

As fighters, always at a numerical disadvantage, British and Empire aviators have proved time and again that they are superior to the Germans; as bombers our men have demonstrated that they are very much more accurate than the Huns. Given, therefore, similar conditions to those enjoyed by the Germans up to the present—escort fighter planes and masses of bombers—the battle for air supremacy is as good as won. This is not boasting; the claim is substantiated by cold and sober facts. The time appears to have arrived when Britain finds herself in the position to challenge the Germans in the air on more or less equal terms; the thought must be a frightening one for Goering's Luftwaffe. Our men have battled their way

Is Russia Next?

SOME of Hitler's most striking successes have been gained by doing the unforeseen and the unexpected.

He is the prime exponent of the doctrine that surprise is the most important element in the waging of war, and he always salts the ground well ahead.

It is eminently worth keeping that fact in mind when we weigh up the present situation, and being very much on the look out for a double-cross.

We have heard a great deal lately of the Axis plans for a "pincer" movement and it has been rather taken for granted that the Nazis' part in it would be a drive through Turkey and Syria to Egypt, to break Britain's control of the Mediterranean, and at the same time to deal our prestige among the coloured races a heavy blow.

That plan may, of course, be the one that Hitler intends to operate; but there is another one which has not been extensively canvassed—in itself a suspicious circumstance—and it is that, at long last, he will turn on Russia, thus realising an ambition that he has cherished for all his political lifetime.

OUT OF CONTROL

By
Robert Power

IT was once my disturbing experience to be in a car of which control was lost. Something went wrong with the steering mechanism just when we were trying to overtake a small van. When the breakdown occurred the car staggered crazily from one side of the road to the other.

For a second or two it seemed that we might hit the van, but that moved ahead as our car lost speed. The next danger was that we should overturn in a ditch; but, changing its course again, the car charged towards a bank on the opposite side, and there the driver contrived skilfully to end its mad career without hurt to either of us.

"Out of control"—the phrase has a vivid meaning for anyone who has had an experience of it, as applied to a piece of mechanism, be it an airplane, a car, or even a cycle whose brake refuses to operate at a critical moment.

My mind has been running on these unpleasant happenings, yet reading a line written by the Bishop of Norwich on the virtues of silence. Says the Bishop, "Once a word has been spoken, it is out of control."

How seldom we think of the consequences of speech in that way! And yet the truth of the statement is beyond question.

A lawyer with exceptional experience of actions for slander and libel once told me that, when a lie gets a start, no explanation or apology can ever overtake it. In some places the lie will take root, and the correction will never be heard or read.

No sane person would dream of uttering a reckless or malicious statement into the microphone that serves a broadcasting system. Yet the word spoken loudly on a village green, at a tea table, or on a street corner, may travel in much the same way as a wireless talk, being passed on from one to another. You cannot tell how far it will reach, or how it may be distorted in the telling.

Were we to brood upon the dangers of the spoken word, we might, from fear, become silent and unobscure. The safeguard is so to control the tongue that you acquire a reputation for speaking of things with discretion, and of persons with charity; and thus the word that goes crashing out of control can never be attributed to you.

embedded in a long diatribe against Russia and its rulers.)

Its significance now lies in the implicit criticism it makes of the Russo-German Pact. Mein Kampf was written years ago, but we have had ample proof that Hitler seldom changes his main beliefs.

An incident of very recent date seems to give colour to the likelihood that Stalin also does not consider that the Russo-German Pact is either strong or durable.

An obviously inspired article recently which speculated on the form that the "coming" revolution in Germany would assume, and glancing over the prospect. Are the two strange bed-fellows—there has been none stranger in history—beginning to quarrel about the blankets and the sheets?

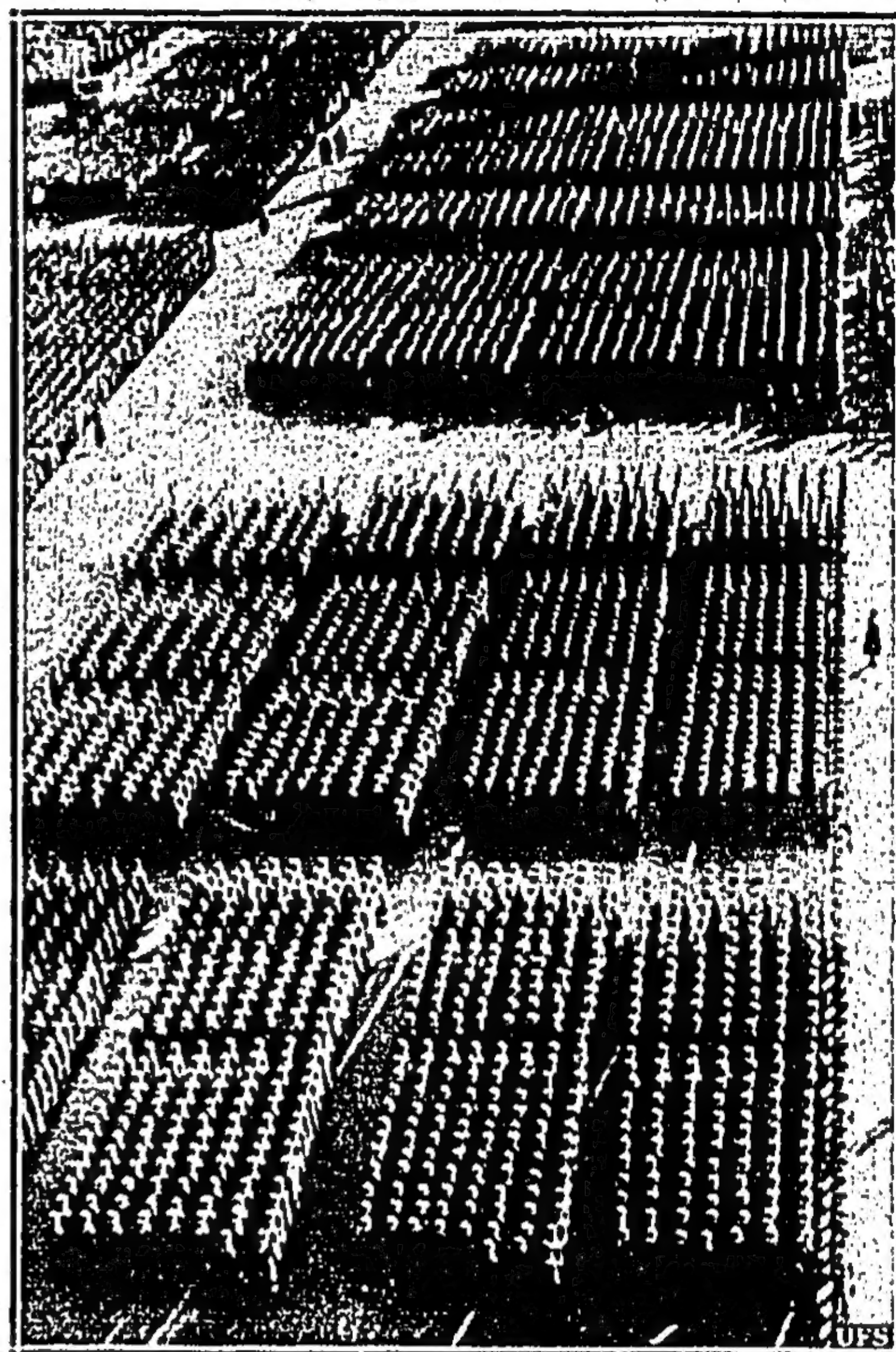
Apart from his deep hatred of Bolshevism, there are many reasons they are irresistible.

why Hitler should turn his legions against the U.S.S.R., and one reason that towers over all the rest—the Ukraine.

The Ukraine is a land that drips with riches and fatness; it would provide Hitler with virtually all he wants, both for his military adventures and the purposes of peace.

In the foregoing connection the Istanbul correspondent to "The Times" writes:—

"Falling a break-through to the East, there is an alternative open to the Axis—the conquest of part of Russia. That would provide the sources of materials and food-stuffs necessary for a long war



RUSSIANS IN MASS—Impressive view of Russians in mass, as thousands of troops passed through Red Square, Moscow, in observance of 23rd anniversary of October Socialist revolution.

against Great Britain and the United States, and it would also remove the potential Russian menace to the flank of a German advance in the Near East. Some well-informed circles in Turkey firmly believe that this idea was behind the conclusion of the German-Italian-Japanese alliance. A curious story has now reached Istanbul, from sources believed to be reliable, that the German Air Ministry has ordered from two Czech companies—5,000 pairs of skis for fitting to the undercarriages of aircraft. Aircraft do not require skis for making winter landings in Great Britain or Turkey, but it is not difficult to guess where skis would be useful.

Inclination, therefore, joins hands with advantage, and in combination they are irresistible.

New U.S. Bomber: Britain Will Buy All Made

By Robert Waithman

YOU may be hearing soon, and before long you may be seeing, a new plane that is being made for us in one of the largest aeroplane plants in the United States.

It will be called the Baltimore Bomber, British air experts in America think enough of it to have placed with the Glenn L. Martin Company of Baltimore a strangely-worded contract.

We have agreed to buy all planes of this type Martins can make between now and the end of 1941.

Details of production plans are confined to the announcement that the planes will be turned out "in volume," that engineering work is virtually complete, and that production will start "shortly."

Factor, Dealer

But the facts are available on a bomber which the Martin Company has been and still is making for Britain, and it may be reasonable to guess that the new Baltimore Bomber will turn out to be fast, and a more deadly version of this already fast and deadly plane.

The Martin Company began large-scale production in 1939 of a machine

called the B-17 F, which was meant to combine the best features of both attack plane and bomber and to give high performance at both low and high altitudes. By early spring last year Martins were turning out three of these planes a day—for the French.

The machines that are now being produced for us are called B-24s. They weigh 12½ tons, have a wing spread of over 60 ft.

Bad News For Berlin

Another piece of bad news for Hitler is that out in Burbank, California, a vast new factory of the Vega company—a Lockheed subsidiary—is working on another new twin-engine bomber, the Lockheed Vega 37, which is bigger and faster than the Lockheed Hudson that has served us so well and which has striking new devices to give it greater offensive power and greater immunity from attack. We have placed an order for 20,000,000 worth of these new bombers.

French Ship Held In New York

A writ of attachment is holding the French steamer Fort de France in New York pending trial of a libel action for \$145,000 damages which the British Government says it sustained by the alleged "conversion" of a cargo by another French ship.

The action claims that the British Ministry of Supply shipped 1,000 tons of spools—a form of zinc—aboard the French freighter San Jose from Vancouver for Le Havre early last June.

Subsequently, the plaintiff contends, the San Jose "converted" the cargo, by putting into Casa Blanca, Morocco, instead of Le Havre.

One or Two Things About JAPAN

If war comes in the Pacific, how well is Japan prepared to fight it out, is the question on the lips of every Japanese these days. The Nipponese realise that Japan's fourth year of the China incident may turn out to be the first year of a struggle for the supremacy in the Pacific, according to the information service, "Business Week."

Japan's self-sufficiency in foodstuffs has been impaired by growing lack of labour, fertilisers, fuel and machinery, continues the service. Output of rice, the most important food staple, has declined every year since the outbreak of the China incident, from 19,000,000 tons in 1937-38 to 17,100,000 tons in 1939-40. The 1940-41 crop is expected to fall short of last year's by more than eight per cent.

The composite Japanese index of mining and manufacturing production for the first five months of 1940 (all that are available) has consistently lagged behind the corresponding figures of last year.

Increase in Labour Force

Japan's industrial labour force has swelled 32 per cent since the outbreak of the China incident in July, 1937. In some of the defence industries the increase has been much larger; 131 per cent in the machinery and tool industry, 79 per cent in the vehicle, aircraft, and shipbuilding industry, and 55 per cent in the metal industry. The Government figures also reveal the strange fact that workmen in these supposedly high-gear defence industries work less man-hours a month now than they did three years ago, probably because there is not enough raw material, fuel, and electric power to keep the productive machinery going at full blast.

No information regarding stocks of raw materials is available beyond vague official statements that the stock position is "by no means serious." But despite the slow supply of raw materials to industrial plants and the decreasing volume of railroad shipments, there are many reasons to support the belief that Japan still has a considerable stockpile of industrial raw materials, built up probably at the sacrifice of immediate defence requirements.

Adverse Trade Balance

Japan's international balance of payments has grown increasingly adverse since 1937, mainly as a result of heavy raw-material imports from the Western Hemisphere and the British Empire and mounting shipments of manufactured goods to the and China) which does not provide foreign exchange.

During the first six months of 1940, Japan ran up an adverse trade balance of 461,000,000 yen in transactions with countries other than Manchukuo and China, as compared with 394,000,000 yen for the like period of 1939 and 1938. In the process, Japan sacrificed nearly all of her negotiable gold reserves.

In the event of a war pitting the United States, Great Britain, the Netherlands, and China against Japan, Tokyo's economic "Lebensraum" would undergo a drastic curtailment. Assuming a successful Japanese thrust into the Philippine Islands and Dutch East Indies, and complete mastery of French Indo-China, Japan would be able to draw for war materials on these three territories, besides China, Manchukuo, Soviet Russia, and, to some very small extent, Germany and Italy. The entire Western Hemisphere, Asia west of Singapore, and Oceania would most likely be inaccessible to Japanese merchantment.

DAMAGE DONE AT TARANTO: OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPHS

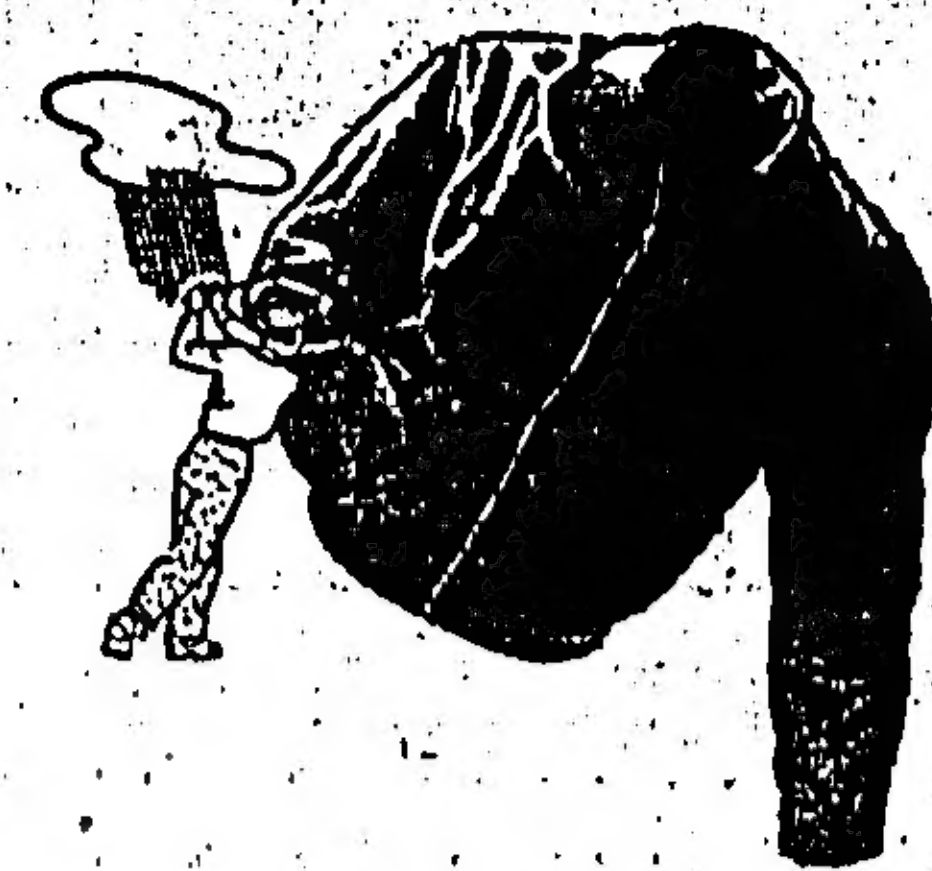
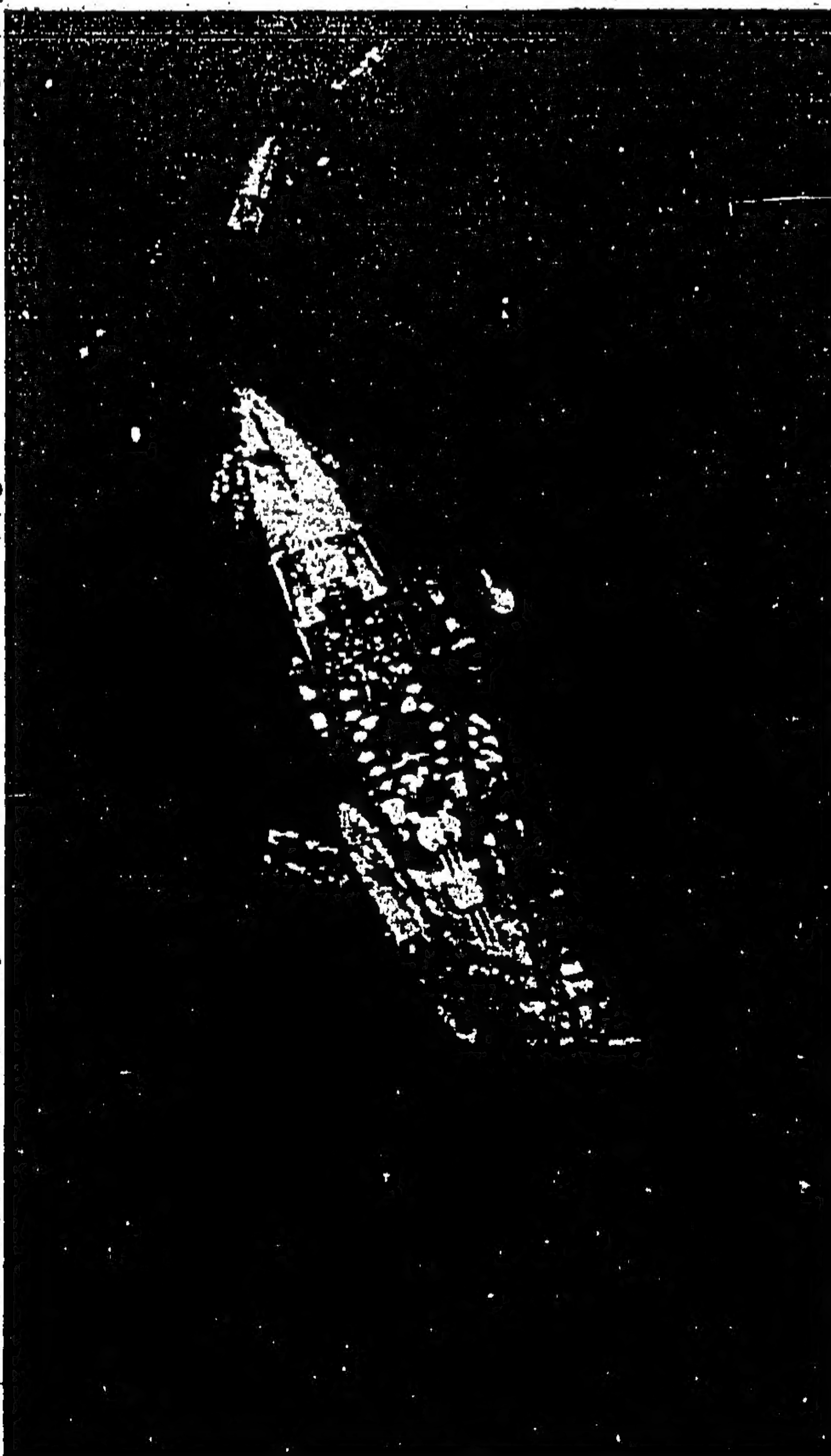
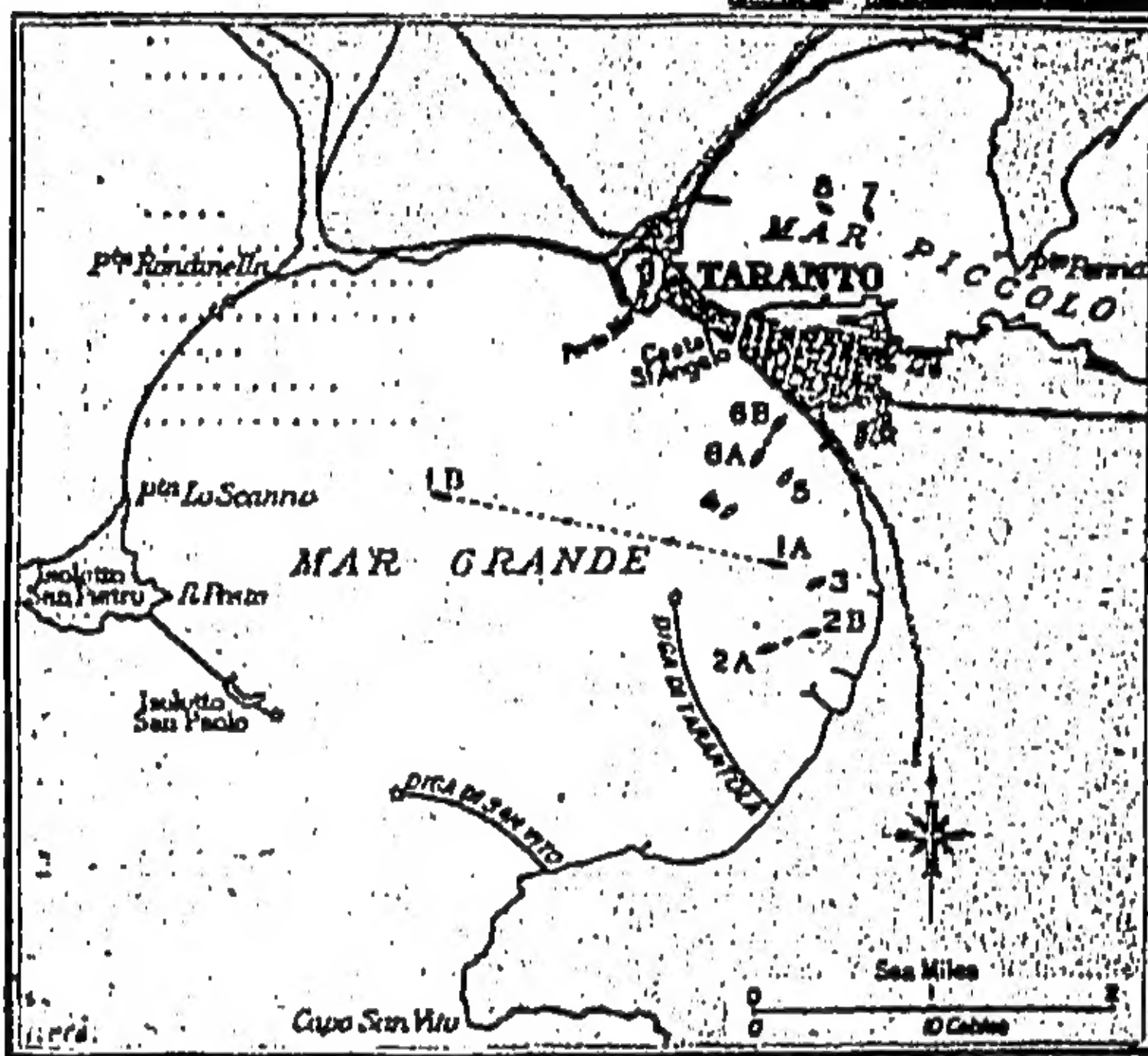
The three photographs on this page were taken on reconnaissance by the Royal Air Force after the crippling attack on the Italian fleet at Taranto by the Fleet Air Arm on the night of November 11/12 last.

A better appreciation of the pictures may be gained if a glance is given first to the map below, which shows the position of the Italian battleships before the attack (A) and the positions to which they were towed afterwards (B). Figures 3, 4 and 5 are undamaged battleships. Two cruisers which were also damaged are shown (7 and 8).

Top picture shows a Cavour class battleship down by the bows and beached on the northeast shore of the outer harbour. (Nos. 6A and 6B on map).

The lower left-hand picture shows a 35,000-ton battleship of the Littorio class badly down by the bows in the merchant anchorage in the middle of the outer harbour. Salvage ships and tugs are alongside, with oil on the water. (No. 1A and 1B on map).

Lower right-hand picture shows a 23,022-ton battleship of the Cavour class beached on the east shore of the outer harbour. There is a heavy list to starboard, with the whole of the starboard side submerged. The stern is completely submerged aft of rear gun turrets. There is oil on the water. On the right, another battleship of the Cavour class.



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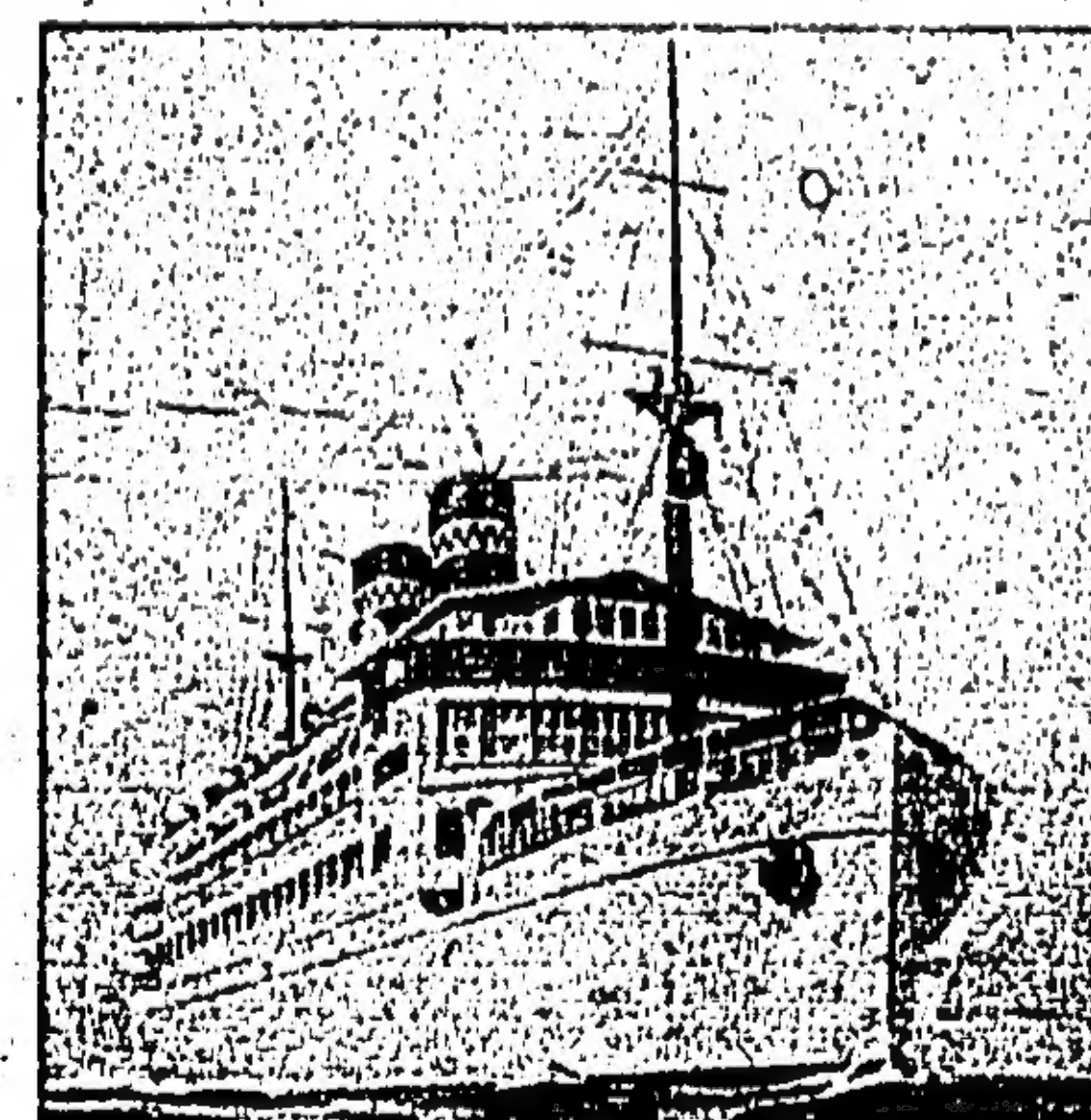
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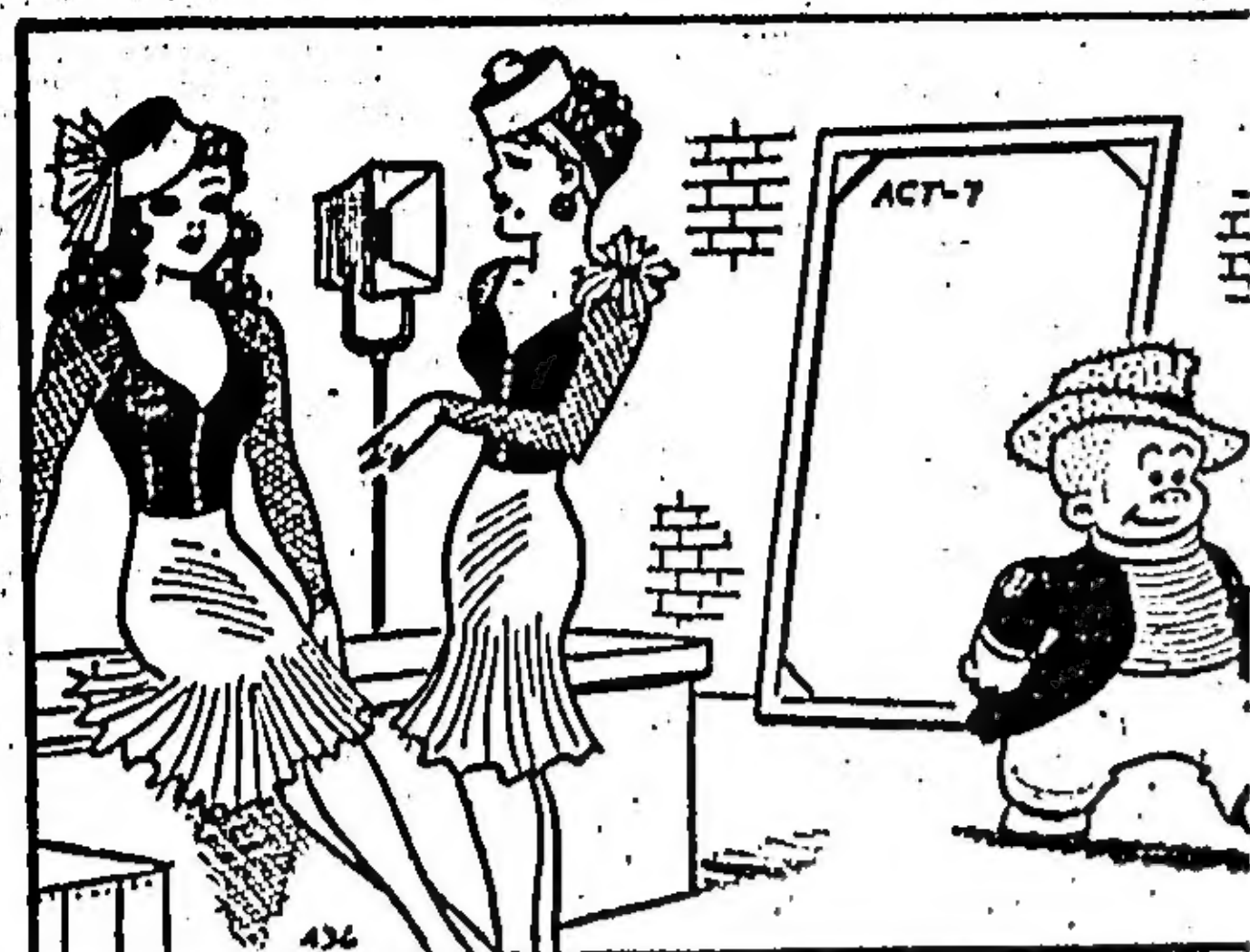
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By Ernie Bushmiller

Eire May Seek Japan's Help

To Overcome Shortages

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Jan. 13 (Dome).—Japan may soon come to the assistance of hard-pressed Eire which is suffering from an acute shortage of various commodities as the result of Germany's counter-blockade of the British Isles.

An emergency meeting of the Dail has been called for January 16 to deliberate measures to overcome the shortage caused by the German blockade as well as the decreasing imports from Britain. Gasoline supply has been so depleted that scarcely any motor-cars are found operating in the Free State, while it is believed that the shortage of tea, wheat, iron, coal, animal feed, fertiliser, and various textiles has been markedly felt.

Opportunity For Trade

Among the Japanese firms here, opinion is gaining ground that a certain amount of Japanese commodities such as Manchoukiao soy beans, Japanese canned crab and salmon, and rayon and cotton goods, may be exportable to Eire.

Hitherto, Japanese products have been re-exported from Liverpool; Japan's rayon textiles exports to Ireland alone aggregated more than Yen 3,000,000 annually. Japanese believe that more than Yen 10,000,000 worth of Japanese commodities can be exported to Ireland yearly.

Since Ireland is neutral, Germany may allow Japanese vessels to put in at Ireland and Irish ports and it is expected that Britain also will permit Japanese ships to call at Galway or Cork after being certified by British authorities.

Return Cargoes

However, difficulties are expected regarding return freight for Japanese goods for export but Japanese merchants point out that the ships can take on freight and passengers at Lisbon, particularly as there are many Indians, Turks, Syrians, and Egyptians seeking to return home from Europe.

Leaves For Saigon

SHANGHAI, Jan. 14 (UP).—French sources declare that General Maurice Martin, Commander-in-Chief of the French forces in Indo-China, left Hanoi for Saigon to-day. Admiral Decoux, Governor-General, recently left for Saigon for a six weeks' holiday.

No Air Activity

LONDON, Jan. 14 (Reuters).—There has been no enemy air activity over the British Isles during daylight to-day nor up to 9.30 p.m. in the evening.

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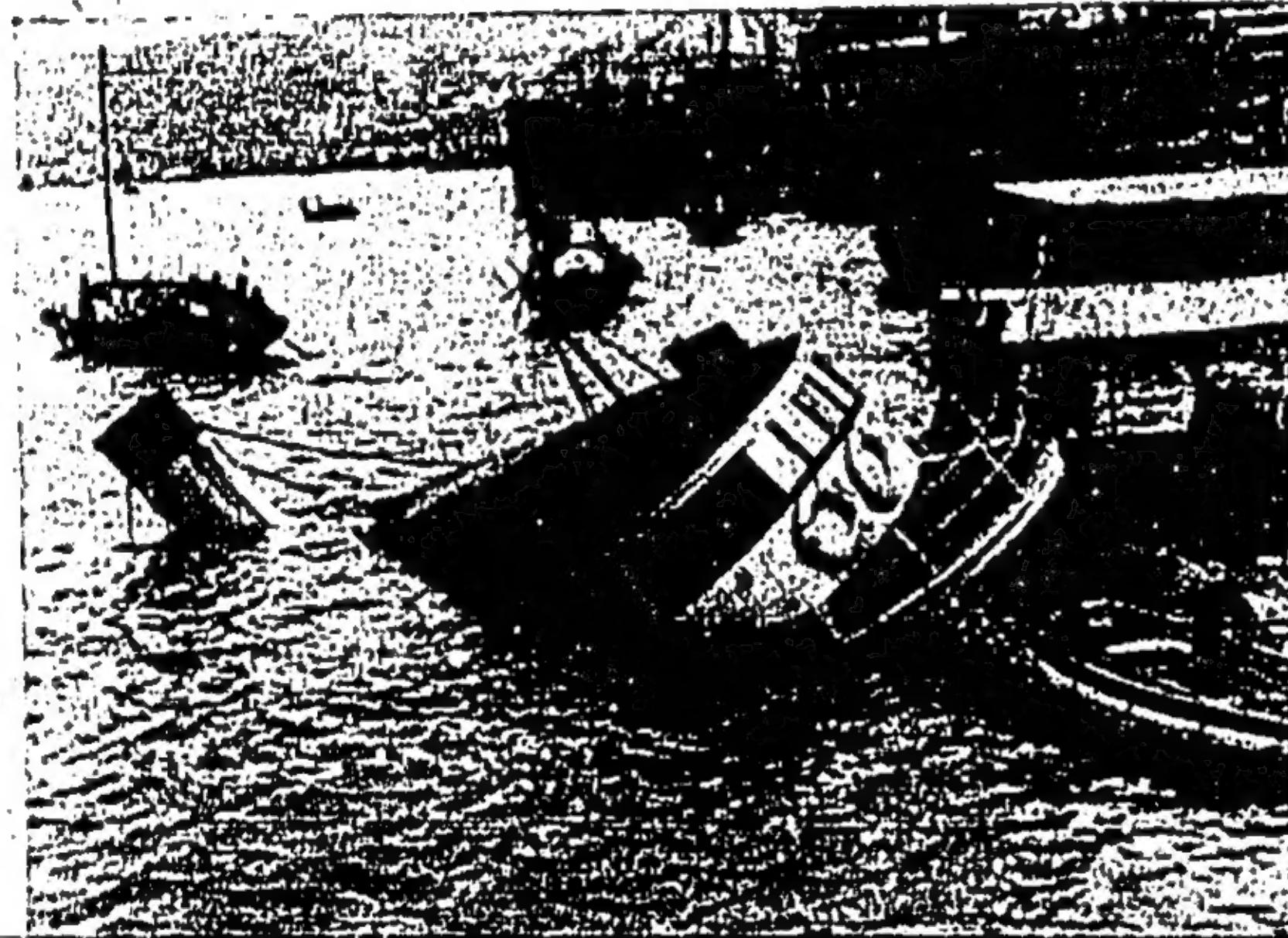
Two Yaumati ferries collided in the harbour yesterday and sank, fortunately without loss of life. The Man Shing, pictured here, was towed back to the island side of the harbour, but could not remain afloat.—Pictures by Ming Yuen.

War & Refugee Relief

Diamond Cutting In U.K.

LONDON, Jan. 14 (Reuters).—The first diamond to be polished in Birmingham has been presented to the Lord Mayor for war relief. The diamond, which is worth £100, was polished by refugees from Belgium and the Low Countries.

A sum of £5,000 for a spitfire has been received from the Bangalore civil and military station war fund. Up to the end of last year the British Red Cross and St. John fund had spent over £1,000,000 on food and clothing for prisoners of war while another £1,000,000 had been spent on medical requirements including £10,000 for relief in Finland. The balance then remaining was over £1,000,000.



Night Fighter Pilots Bringing Down Bombers

LONDON, Jan. 14 (Reuters).—The increasing experience of British night fighter pilots is beginning to show results. More raiding bombers are being intercepted and those that do get through are being attacked with some success, says the Air Ministry.

The number of our night fighter squadrons is steadily increasing, though necessarily slowly. Pilots must be taught a new technique of fighting, much of which is still experimental. Aircraft must be adapted and even under the most favourable conditions, the difficulties of trailing enemy bombers flying at some 250 miles an hour through the darkness are still severe.

"It is like trying to sweat a wasp in a black-out room," as one pilot said. The enemy is working on similar lines. Our bombers are now encountering night fighters on their raids over Germany and several of these have been shot down.

R.A.F. More Successful

So far the night tactics of the R.A.F. have proved more successful than the enemy's because none of our night fighters has been lost in action.

The first Distinguished Flying Cross for night fighting is awarded to Flight Lieutenant John Cunningham, who shot down two enemy bombers over the south coast at a height of nearly 20,000 feet in a temperature of 50 degrees below freezing point.

STOCK EXCHANGE

Upward Trend Provides

Satisfaction

LONDON, Jan. 14 (Reuters).—On the Stock Exchange, the upward trend of prices with broadening inquiries is giving cause for general satisfaction.

Glit-edged holdings were again favoured to-day while several Brazilian bonds continued their advance, but on the contrary Japanese bonds encountered offerings. Industrial stocks attracted buying interest, especially electric equipments, and building shares, while among the oils, Mexican Eagles were the most popular feature. Wall Street was steady.

Tokyo Talks: Latest Move

Retired Generals Meet

TOKYO, Jan. 14 (Reuters).—An unexpected and unusual step has been taken by the Japanese War Minister, General Tojo, to call in a dozen retired Japanese generals for a round-table conference to be held to-morrow on what the "Dome" agency calls "the present national emergency."

Practically all the Generals convoked are ex-War Ministers or ex-Premiers.

The conference will be attended by the present Chief of the Army General Staff, the Minister of Justice, the Vice-Minister of War, and the Chief of the Military Affairs Bureau.

The latter two will, says "Dome," explain the present conditions and "affirm the army's determination to see the crisis through."

New Chief Whip Appointed

U.S. Business Experience

LONDON, Jan. 14 (Reuters).—The Rt-Hon James Gray Stuart has been appointed Chief Whip in place of Captain David Margesson, who was recently appointed Minister for War. Mr Stuart is a brother of Lord Morny, and his wife Lady Rachel Stuart is a daughter of the late Duke of Devonshire.

Mr Stuart served with distinction in the Great War. He is Conservative Member of Parliament for Moray and Nairn and has been deputy for Captain Margesson since 1937. He is also the Scottish Government Whip.

For two years the new Chief Whip was in business in America; he is reputed to have one of the quickest brains in the House of Commons.

Mercy Ship Of Desert War

Takes Wounded To Base

"REUTER" IN THE WESTERN DESERT BATTLE-AREA

Jan. 14.—I have just had an opportunity of spending a short time aboard a hospital ship prior to its sailing. It was well fitted with Italian prisoners from Bardia and with Australian, British and Rhodesian troops involved in the preliminary action around Tobruk.

These weary and wounded men will shortly begin their journey to hospital. Their little vessel is earning for itself the title of "mercy ship of the Western Desert." Built at Newcastle-on-Tyne it is not particularly handsome and registers only 800 tons, but its draught enables it to enter tiny harbours along the Egyptian and Libyan coasts.

Regular hospital ships draw too much water to enter these harbours. This ship provides easily the most comfortable form of transport for seriously wounded men—the alternative is the bumpy ride across a hundred miles of desert in an ambulance lorry which is a severe ordeal for casualties.

Australian Doctors

Pressed into service at short notice, the little ship is now making regular trips. A team of Australian medical officers supervise the wounded on a trip which is both difficult and dangerous.

The ship will await dusk when she will slip out of the harbour with the utmost promptness in order to miss Italian bombings.

Apart from the possibility of meeting a wandering Italian submarine, any high seas make the normal routine for men not accustomed to a sea voyage very difficult.

The majority of the Imperial troops who will make the voyage are men who went through the Bardia campaign and then were wounded at Tobruk.

In Good Spirits

The less seriously wounded men move about on the deck of the ship and all are in good spirits.

Some Imperial soldiers and many Italians are more seriously hurt and they console themselves with the certain knowledge that they will receive every possible attention at the base hospitals. Many of the lightly-wounded Italians are becoming more cheerful even before the voyage starts at the prospect that the war has finished for them, but others sit silently around the deck, their sad eyes asking the question, "When will they see their native land again?"

Governors Confer

African Civil Supply Board

NAIROBI, Jan. 14 (Reuters).—The Governors of Kenya, Uganda, Tanganyika, Northern Rhodesia and Nyasaland, and the Acting Resident of Zanzibar, met in conference here to-day.

An official statement issued at the conclusion of the meeting said that they had agreed on the formation of an East African Civil Supply Board to control imports of currency, exchange and supplies for civil needs.

They also agreed on the procedure to be adopted for dealing with post-war problems on an East African basis.

Military discussions, attended by the G.O.C., were also held during the conference of East African governors.

Fire Sweeps Brooklyn

NEW YORK, Jan. 14 (Reuters).—Fire to-day swept the famous Brooklyn waterfront, threatening city buildings, warehouses and municipal offices.

Five men are known to have been killed and many injured. Some are in hospital with critical burns. Thirty parked cars were destroyed by flames which also damaged a fire engine.

Fleeing Figures Afire

NEW YORK, Jan. 14 (Reuters).—The fire on the Brooklyn waterfront was brought under control after several hours.

Five people were burned to death and ten were injured. The fire spread so quickly that most of the 50 employees of a factory-making wooden lockers for the United States Army had to dash through the blazing structure with their clothing alight.



HIS FIRE FIGHTERS—H. M. King George watches a demonstration of the latest fire apparatus during a recent visit to London fire headquarters. He's chatting with Major F. W. Jackson, brigade chief.

BETHEL MISSION

EVANGELISTS TO BE SENT TO CHINA WAR ZONE

A special service will be held at 10.30 a.m. on Sunday, January 19, in the Munsang College Auditorium, Kowloon City, at which time Bethel Mission will commission four groups of young evangelists to both occupied and free China, and also to the war zone to preach the gospel. The Rev. Samuel E. Boyle, of the American Reformed Presbyterian Mission, Tientsin, Kwangtung, will be the speaker. The public is welcome.

The Fifteenth Commencement Exercises of the Shanghai Bethel Bible Seminary will be held to-morrow at 7 p.m. in the Munsang College Auditorium, Kowloon City. The public is cordially invited.

COUNCIL MEETING

EXPENDITURE ESTIMATES TO BE INTRODUCED

A resolution approving the draft estimates of expenditure for 1941-42 will be moved by the Financial Secretary, the Hon. Mr. H. R. Butters, at to-morrow's meeting of the Legislative Council.

The Colonial Secretary will move "That the Report of the Finance Committee (No. 10), dated December 19, 1940, be adopted."

The Attorney General will move the First readings of "A Bill to amend the Public Entertainment Regulation Ordinance, 1919," and "A Bill to amend the Entertainment Tax Ordinance, 1930," and the second and third readings of "A Bill to amend the Holidays Ordinance, 1912."

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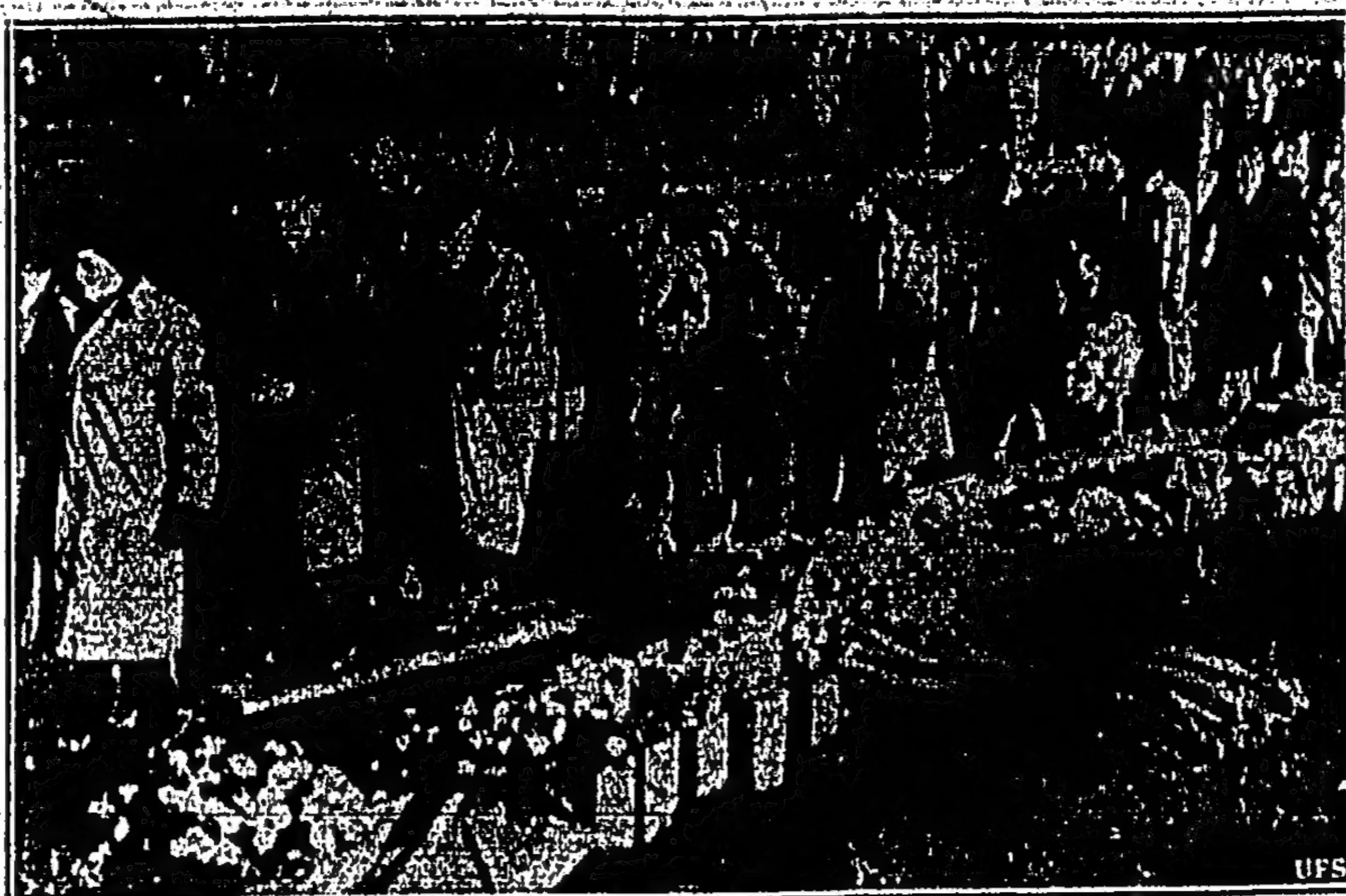
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COVENTRY'S MASS FUNERAL—Using steam shovel to dig vast trench, Coventry folk hold mass funeral for 200 victims of Hitler's "retaliation" bombing of English city. Cable picture shows mourners filing past.

New Envoy Chosen

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14 (Reuter).—A successor to Mr. Joseph P. Kennedy as United States Ambassador to Britain has been chosen. President Roosevelt announced this at a press conference to-day but he declined to reveal the name of the envoy he had selected.

Kwangsi Tung Oil

KWEILIN, Jan. 13 (Central News).—Energetic measures are being taken by the Kwangsi provincial authorities to increase the production of tung oil in order to boost export trade. In Kweilien, in northern Kwangsi, a large tract of 300 mow of land has been marked off for tung tree planting.

Indian Army Gesture

LAHORE, Jan. 14 (Reuter).—Four military officers of the rank of major have been specially appointed for the purpose of looking after the welfare of families of soldiers who are abroad on active service.

A fifth officer has been appointed in Peshawar, on the North-West frontier.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

A Scout and Guide Memorial Service for the late Chief Scout, the Right Honourable Lord Baden-Powell, will be held in St John's Cathedral on Sunday, January 19, at 3.30 p.m.

French Postcards Rationed

Radio Toulouse recently announced new means of communication between occupied and unoccupied France.

In addition to the postcards for family use, a special card for communication between business houses in the two zones will be introduced. It is pointed out, however, that the number of these cards is limited to 500 a day in each direction.

Communist Talks

China is represented in the coming Communist conference in Moscow by Mr. Chen Shao-yi, who is due shortly to leave Yenan, North Shensi, for the Soviet capital.

Closer Sino-Soviet relations are indicated by the recent conclusion of a barter agreement on a bigger scale than before.

War Supplies Council

→ FROM PAGE ONE

Director-General of the British Purchasing Commission.

Ottawa Statement

OTTAWA, Jan. 14 (Reuter).—Formation of a new British Supply Council gives effect to the organization of methods for complete coordination of the North American war effort," said a spokesman of the Canadian Munitions and Supply Department.

Increased co-operation between the United Kingdom, United States and Canada in the production of war materials would be the direct result of the new organization.

The appointment of Mr. Arthur Purvis as Chairman of the Council is generally regarded in Ottawa as satisfactory.

Washington Pleased

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14 (Reuter).—The new British Supply Council in North America is regarded here as being fully in tune with the present developments in the economic and war supply arrangements between the United States and Britain.

Big as have been the activities of the British Purchasing Commission, it is expected that they will be dwarfed by the amount of material to be sent across the Atlantic during the next two years under the Lend and Lease Bill.

Mr. Purvis is widely regarded as an excellent person to head the new Council, which was obviously necessary to facilitate getting American material to Britain.

LATE NEWS

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Objection To Income Tax In F.M.S.

A petition against the imposition of income tax in the Federated Malay States was forwarded recently to the Secretary of State for the Colonies through the High Commissioner, Sir Shenton Thomas.

The petition bears the signatures of many representatives of agricultural, mining, trade, commercial, industrial and professional interests in the F.M.S., including those of public bodies of several communities.

The main objections raised against the imposition of the tax are the difficulties of equitable assessment and collection.

SIGHT RETURNS After Church Revival

BOONVILLE, Mo. (UP).—G. P. Wilbanks, 73, is giving up his blind pension and applying for an old age pension.

After 10 years of total blindness, he was able to see following a prayer service in the local Four-square Gospel Church. His sight returned seven years after a physician, examining him for the blind pension, reported "no vision," he said.

The Rev. Eugene Robinson, pastor of the church, pronounced it a "miracle." Wilbanks's vision permits him to read newspaper headlines.

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Paris Fraud Sensation

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".
VICHY, Jan. 14 (UP).—The Paris Criminal Court has indicted a charge of fraud and complicity against Countess Louise de Clary, and an American, Samuel M. Livingstone, President and Secretary respectively of the Committee of Packages for Prisoners of War, alleging that accused had taken for their own use money, provisions and packages sent them for distribution to prison camps.

Despatches from Paris to-day reported that they had made full confessions.

They were arrested on December 3; the Countess at her luxurious apartment near Champs Elysees, and he at the Paris suburb of Boulogne-sur-Seine.

R.A.F. STRIKE AGAIN: DESTRUCTIVE RAID ON CATANIA, IN SICILY

CAIRO, JAN. 14 (REUTER).—AT LEAST NINE AIRCRAFT, BELIEVED TO BE GERMAN JUNKER 87'S (DIVE-BOMBERS), WERE DESTROYED WHEN THE R.A.F. MADE A HEAVY RAID ON CATANIA (SICILY), ACCORDING TO A MIDDLE EAST R.A.F. COMMUNIQUE.

THE RAID OCCURRED ON THE NIGHT OF JANUARY 12-13. A SERIES OF ATTACKS WERE MADE AND VERY HEAVY DAMAGE WAS CAUSED, THE COMMUNIQUE STATES. TWO HANGARS ON THE WESTERN SIDE OF THE AERODROME WERE SET ON FIRE, ONE BEING DEMOLISHED.

Another hangar on the east side was also set ablaze. Heavy explosions occurred and a number of fires were started among the administrative buildings.

Bombs hit the main runways and the railway line along the west side of the aerodrome.

On the same night, raids were made on aerodromes at Berka and Denina. Many planes are believed to have been put out of action by bomb splinters and subsequent machine-gun attack.

On the previous night, raids were made on barracks and defences at Derna and fires were started among the barracks.

NEW YORK STREET GUN DUEL

Bandits Killed Police Officer & Civilian

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

NEW YORK, Jan. 14 (UP).—

Lower Fifth Avenue, one of the world's busiest shipping districts, was terrorized to-day by a gun fight in which a policeman and a civilian were shot and killed, and another civilian and a bandit were wounded.

A second bandit was so badly beaten he had to be removed to hospital.

The bandits, known as the Distofano Brothers, obtained \$649 which was the payroll of an importing firm. In taking the money they killed Alfred Klausman, 55, the Manager.

They dashed outside where they shot and probably fatally wounded a taxi driver, Leonard Weisberg.

A policeman chased one bandit and wounded him, after which the bandit shot and killed the police officer as he knelt beside him.

Police clubbed the second bandit into unconsciousness after a fight in Woolworth's five and ten cent store which was crowded with customers.

ITALIANS IN BAD POSITION

Rome Admission

LONDON, Jan. 14 (Reuter).—

Signs are growing that the Italians are beginning to see that their position in Libya and East Africa is getting worse all the time.

The Cairo communique said that in the Sudan in the neighbourhood of Kassala patrol activity is continuing.

The fact that there is nothing fresh to report from Libya may be taken to mean that British guns are still pounding away while the Imperial army musters for the final assault on Tobruk.

Empire Cut Off

Broadcasting to the Italian Empire, Rome radio yesterday said "The Empire is virtually cut off from the Mother country."

Italian East Africa in particular is almost completely cut off. Its only communication is by air but the R.A.F. is now so completely master of the air in Africa that it is highly unlikely that the odd Italian plane or two which have been keeping up communications between Libya and Eritrea by night will now venture on the dangerous journey. Writing from the Italian frontier, a special correspondent of the newspaper "Le Temps" says that for Italy the battle for North Africa is no longer for Imperial aims but is a fight to preserve a part of Italy's national territory.

R.A.F. Takes Prisoners

LONDON, Jan. 14 (Reuter).—

Italian prisoners in Libya are still being rounded up and R.A.F. fighter planes are giving a hand in this work.

Flying low over the desert, skimming the cliffs on the seashore at times where they spot Italians taking refuge in caves, they have on several occasions enabled quite large bands to be captured. Two days ago a Hurricane pilot saw a small party of Italian officers at the water's edge. The Navy was informed and a motorboat took them on board, the party being the commander of the Sidi Barrani garrison.

Another British fighter captured an Italian. The pilot at first thought that the men were British but he came down low and spotted

Would Like Japan To Try An Invasion

N.E.I. Confident

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14 (UP).—The Netherlands Consul General, Herr J. A. Schuurman, in a speech last night, asserted that the Dutch East Indies would be "delighted to have Japan try an invasion, because Japan would suffer an unprecedented defeat."

He said it was erroneous to suppose that the Netherlands had capitulated because of the 60,000,000 Colonial Dutch.

He added: "We are in this war to the finish. The major part of the home fleet, as well as armed units and air forces have joined the British forces. Our entire merchant fleet of about 2,500,000 tons is operating in the common cause."

MAGINOT LINE TO GO

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BERLIN, Jan. 14 (UP).—Political quarters report that the Germans are tearing down the Maginot Line preparatory to using the lands in Alsace Lorraine for agricultural purposes. The Maginot line is estimated to have cost a half billion dollars.

their dusty green uniforms. He let loose a burst from his guns at them and then flew around and around keeping them together. A truck load of British soldiers arrived to relieve him.

NO NAZIS IN BULGARIA

Sofia Statement

SOFIA, Jan. 14 (Reuter).—The presence of German troops in Bulgaria or any diplomatic steps in this connection is officially denied in a statement issued here to-night.

The Bulgarian telegraph agency says that it is authorised to declare that no foreign troops have passed into Bulgaria and that the Bulgarian Government has made no approach to any foreign governments since no reason for such steps exists.

ROOSEVELT OUTBURST Opposition Gibe "A Rotten Lie"

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14 (Reuter).—President Roosevelt made an impassioned outburst at a press conference to-day against an opponent, whom he did not name, of the legislation authorising him to carry out his policy of total aid to the democracies.

The President said that he had read in a paper that "every fourth American child would be ploughed under". This he described it as the "rottenest lie that has been said in public life in my generation."

Untruthful and Dastardly

President Roosevelt declined to say who made the statement originally, but declared that it had been repeated by several people and added that "it was a good time to kill a poor slob at birth."

"I regard the statement as the most untruthful and most dastardly and unpatriotic thing that has ever been said. Quote me on that."

(In a wireless speech on Sunday night, Senator Wheeler said that the leader of the opposition to the Administration's Lease and Lend Bill had termed the measure the "New Deal's triple foreign policy—to plough under every fourth American boy.")

LATEST

BERLIN TOO IS BOMBED

Thanks to the work of the R.A.F., Goering has had his boast, that no bombs would ever be allowed to fall on German soil, thrown back in his teeth. Here is pictorial evidence that not only German soil, but Germany's capital, Berlin, has received visits from the R.A.F. This is a part of Berlin East hit by British bombs in a recent raid.



Antonescu Summoned To Berlin, Report

Rumanian Waters Closed

BELGRADE, Jan. 14 (Reuter).—Rumanian officials refuse to confirm or deny the report that General Ion Antonescu, the Rumanian Premier, has been summoned to Berlin.

Plymouth's Worst Raid

Civilians Work Heroically

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

PLYMOUTH, Jan. 14 (UP).—

The three hour German raid which began just before darkness last night was the worst attack on the town during the war.

A wave of 30 raiders dropped incendiary bombs. For a few minutes there were thousands of lights from blazing bombs, and then darkness.

Men, women and even young children pounced on the bombs thus saving the town from real disaster.

In one district, however, several fires were started and the next wave of raiders concentrated on that area and dropped tons of high explosive bombs. Houses and business premises were demolished and one church was gutted.

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M. Horia Sima, the Deputy Premier and head of the Iron Guard, has called meetings of his followers in all towns on January 19. Speakers will address the meetings on "the struggle of Nazi Germany and Fascist Italy for the establishment of a new European order."

Meanwhile, the Rumanian newspaper, "Curierul," sounds a note of defiance over the German plans to turn Rumania into a granary and oil reservoir at the expense of her industrial development. It says that the legionary regime does not dream of giving up Rumanian industry but on the contrary it must be expanded.

Ban on Shipping

LONDON, Jan. 14 (Reuter).—Rumanian territorial waters have been declared a danger zone for shipping by an official communique issued by the Rumanian Navy Minister quoted by the Ankara radio.

Ships desiring to navigate in the waters of the Black Sea must obtain permission and notify the port authorities. It is stated.

No reason for this measure is given.

South African Navy

LONDON, Jan. 14 (Reuter).—For the first time African warships are co-operating with the Royal Navy outside South African waters.

A flotilla of mine-sweepers left some weeks ago to join the mine-sweepers of the Royal Navy.

Hongkong Man Injured In Desert War

A former Hongkong resident, Mr John Greaves, who enlisted in the Australian Imperial Force at the outbreak of war, was among the Empire troops that took part in the recent fighting in the Western Desert.

News has just been received in the Colony that he was injured in action on Christmas Eve.

Born in Shanghai, young John Greaves is the eldest son of the late Mr Cecil K. Greaves, who was a member of the firm of A. S. Watson and Co. in the northern port for more than 30 years. He studied at the

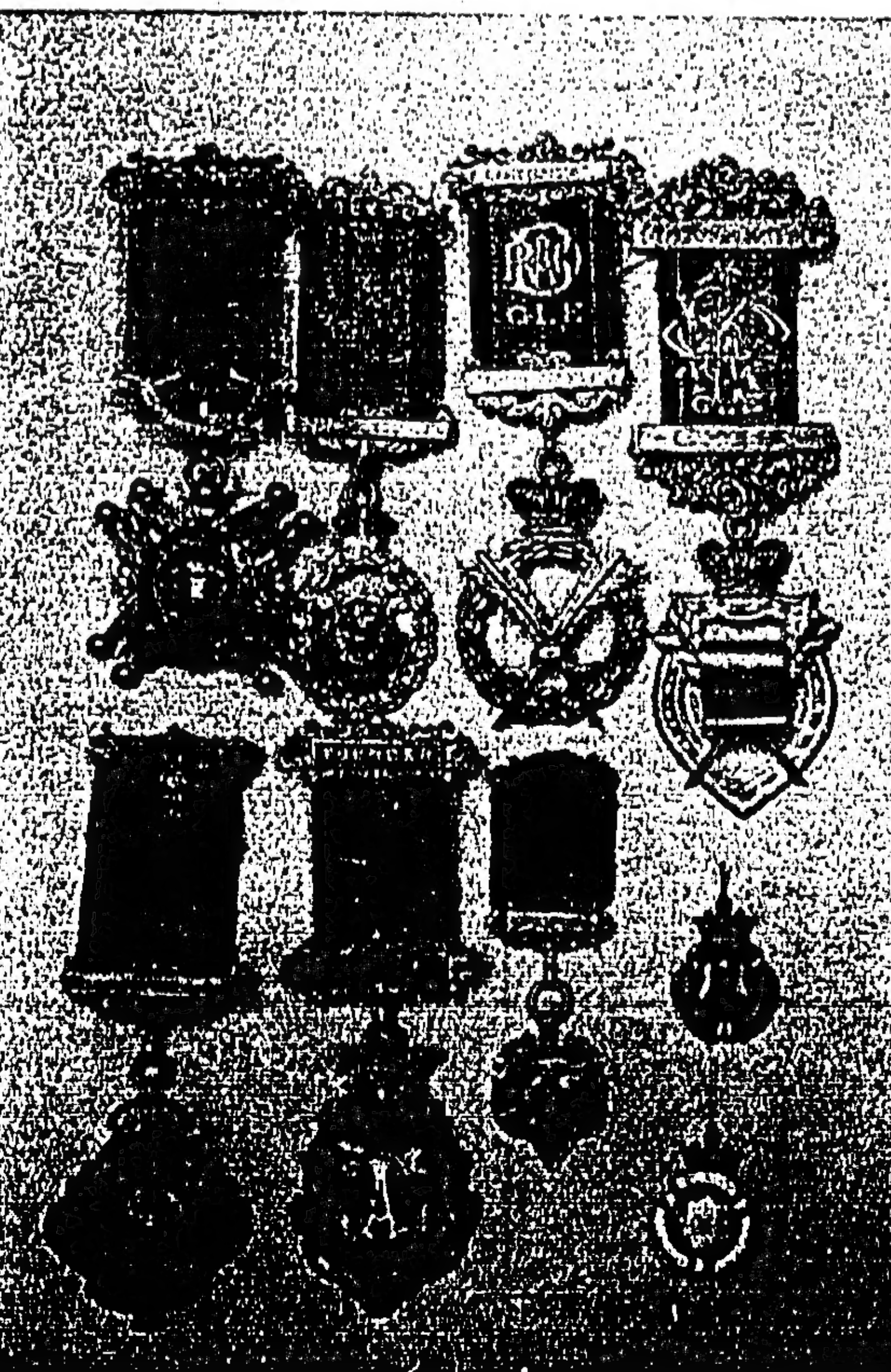
Shanghai Public School, and played football regularly for Erin Villa and the Shanghai Recreation Club.

Coming to Hongkong in 1937, he joined the "Hongkong Daily Press" and later M. Berna and Co., and left for Australia in 1939.

Mr Greaves has a brother, two sisters and other relations in the Colony.

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1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.03 Dance Music by Harry Roy and His Orchestra.
1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.45 Max Miller in the Theatre Again—Recorded during an actual performance at the Holborn Empire.
2.05 Patricia Rossborough at the Piano.

2.15 Close Down.
2.45 Indian Programme.
3.00 Closing Local Stock Quotations.
3.32 The Comedy Harmonists.
3.45 Moszkowski—"From Foreign Lands" Suite—State Opera Orchestra.
7.00 London Relay—The News.
7.15 London Relay—"Questions of the Hour"—The Rt. Hon. A. Duff Cooper on "France".

7.30 Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone) and the B.B.C. Wireless Military Band.
8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 Compositions of Edward German.
8.23 Two English Songs by Malcolm McEwen (Bass)—Up From Somerset, Devonshire Cream and Cider.
8.30 Studio—"British Dramatists" No. 6; Shaw—Talk by Father T. Ryan, S.J.

8.50 Haydn—Concerto for Trumpet and Orchestra—Andante and Rondo, George Baldie (Trumpet) and Symphony Orchestra.
9.00 London Relay—The News and News Commentary.
9.30 London Relay—Talk: "Democracy Marches".
9.45 Dance Music by Jack Harris and His Orchestra.

10.15 Variety—Three Loose Screws, The Three Loose Screws (Chick Endor, Charlie Farrell and Eddie Pola); "Our Greatest Successes," Cicely Courtneidge and Jack Hulbert with Orchestra; Gerry Building, May Write Blues, Gerry Moore; The Voice of Experience, Oliver Wakefield; I Didn't Really Never Oughter "Ave Went Doris Hare; All Three A Glass of Champagne, Evelyn Laye (Soprano) with Orchestra and Chorus; Sonny Boy, Jerry Colonna (Comedian) with Fud and His Fuddy Buds; Summer Sweetheart, Sall Along, Silvery Moon, Vera Lynn with Instrumental accomp.

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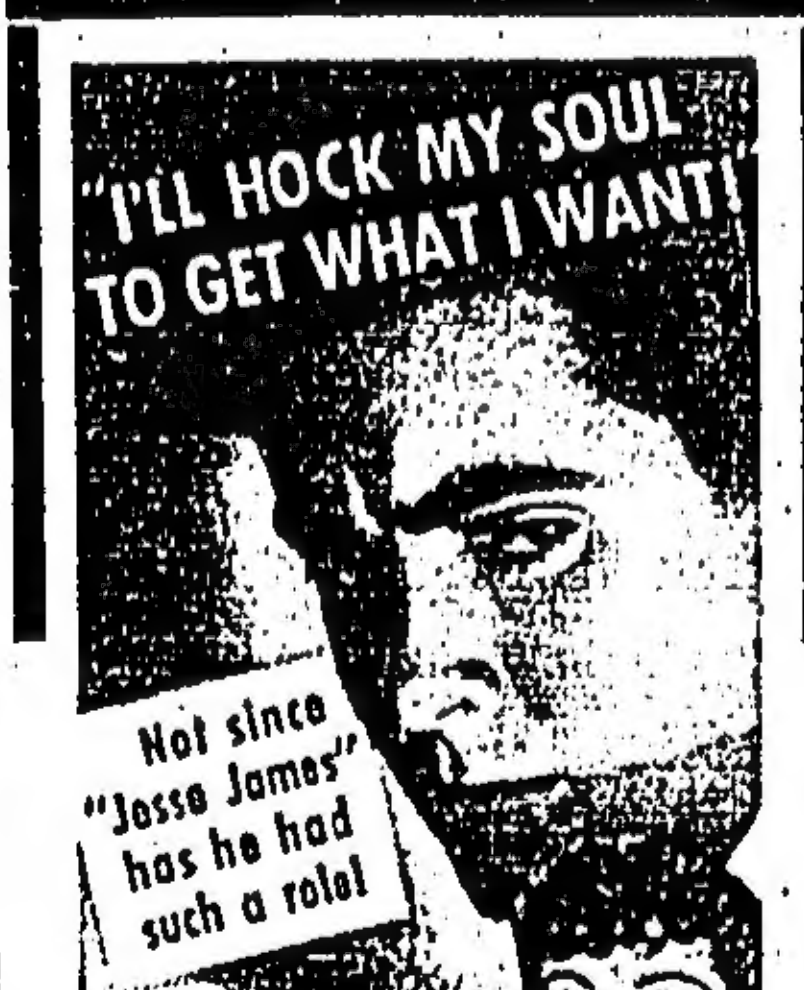
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The Inspector, 52, Argyle St., Kowloon.
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PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS

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SALVAGING FERRIES

Salvage operations on the two Hongkong and Yumati ferries which were damaged in the collision in the harbour yesterday were started this morning.

The Man Ping, beached near the quayside at Jolly Wharf, was raised by the Company's launches at 8.30 a.m. and towed to Shamshulpo, when an inspection will be made to ascertain the amount of damage done.

A Kowloon Dock tug is at present working on the Man Shing, which settled in low water near the vehicular ferry wharf in Hongkong. No passengers were injured in the accident, which occurred when the two ferries altered their course to avoid colliding with a sampan.

War Supplies Council

Members Named

LONDON, Jan. 14 (Reuter).—The great increase in the volume of British supplies from North America has necessitated a change in Anglo-American liaison organisation.

A committee has now been established called the British Supply Council in North America, the Chairman being Mr. Arthur Purvis, at present Director-General of the British Purchasing Commission.

Additional members will be Mr. Morris Wilson, Sir Clive Bailleu, the Australian representative on the Imperial Economic Committee since 1930, Sir Henry Self, Director-General of the British Air Commission, and Vice Admiral A. E. Evans, head of the Admiralty Mission in Canada.

The Council will deal with all issues of policy concerning supply, including representations to be made to the United States administration. Sir Clive Bailleu is appointed Director-General of the British Purchasing Commission.

Ottawa Statement

OTTAWA, Jan. 14 (Reuter).—"Formation of a new British Supply Council gives effect to the organisation of means for complete co-ordination of the North American war effort," said a spokesman of the Canadian Munitions and Supply Department.

Increased co-operation between the United Kingdom, United States and Canada in the production of war materials would be the direct result of the new organisation.

The appointment of Mr. Arthur Purvis as Chairman of the Council is generally regarded in Ottawa as satisfactory.

Washington Pleased

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14 (Reuter).—The new British Supply Council in North America is regarded here as being fully in tune with the present developments in the economic and war supply arrangements between the United States and Britain.

Big as have been the activities of the British Purchasing Commission, it is expected that they will be dwarfed by the amount of material to be sent across the Atlantic during the next two years under the Lense and Lend Lease.

Mr. Purvis is widely regarded as an excellent person to head the new Council, which was obviously necessary to facilitate getting American material to Britain.

Hitler's Coup That Failed

Wanted Spain in War

LONDON, Jan. 14 (UP).—According to news reaching responsible British authorities, Hitler made a strong, but unsuccessful attempt to persuade Spain to enter the war on the side of the Axis Powers at the beginning of January.

It is reported that whereas the French Minister, Serrano Suner was favourably inclined, the Spanish was opposed and General Franco sided with his generals.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary, issued yesterday says: Bargain hunters are on the look out for most stocks, but are not meeting with success.

Buyers

Union Ins. \$405
H.K. Fire Ins. \$105
Wharves \$94
Trams \$18.10
Star Ferries \$81
Lights Rts. 95
Telephones "O" \$25.25
Dairy Farms \$19.10
Entertainments \$7
Constructions "O" \$1.60

Sellers

Electricity "O" \$40.25
Cements \$18.60
Ropes \$8.25
Vibro Piling \$7.70
Sales
Bank of East Asia \$70
H.K. Fire Ins. \$107.50
Docks "N" \$18.10
Hotels \$3.50
Trams \$18.20
Lights Rts 95 Cts.

Indian Army Gesture

LAHORE, Jan. 14 (Reuter).—Four military officers of the rank of major have been specially appointed for the purpose of looking after the welfare of families of soldiers who are abroad on active service.

A fifth officer has been appointed in Peshawar, on the North-West frontier.

Exchange At A Glance

SELLING

T.T. London	1/2 1/2
Demand London	1/2 1/2
T.T. Shanghai	420
T.T. Singapore	52 3/4
T.T. Java	102 3/4
T.T. India	82 1/2
T.T. U.S.A.	23 3/4
T.T. Manila	40 3/4
T.T. Batavia	43 3/4
T.T. Bangkok	140
T.T. Saigon	101 1/2
T.T. France	Nom.
T.T. Switzerland	102 1/2
T.T. Australia	10 3/4

BUYING

4 m/s L/C London	1/3 1/4
4 m/s D/F London	1/3 1/4
4 m/s L/C U.S.A.	24 1/4
4 m/s France	Nom.
30 d/s India	84 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in London	4.02 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in N.Y.	4.03 1/2

H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

BANKS

H.K. Bank	1,380 b.
H.K. Bank	80 n.
H.K. Bank (H.K.)	80 n.
Chartered	8 1/2 n.
Mercantile, A. & B. L.	27 n.
Mercantile, C. L.	10 1/2 n.
East Asia	76 sh.

INSURANCES

Cantons	207 1/2 b.
Unions	405 b.
China Underwriters	1 n.
H.K. Fire	107 1/2 sh.

SHIPPING

Douglas	135 n.
Steamship	11 n.
Indo-China P.	100 n.
Indo-China D.	80 n.
Shell (Bearers) S.	40/10 1/2 n.
Waterboats S.	7 n.
Wharves	94 b.
Docks (old)	18 1/2 n.
Docks (new)	18.10 sa.
Providents	6.80 sa.
Shai Dockyards	39 1/2 n.

DOCKS ETC.

Kallan S.	107 1/2 n.
Raubs	9 1/4 n.
H.K. Mines	1 1/4 cts. n.

LANDS

Hotel	3 1/2 b. & sa.
Lands	34.00 n.
Lands 1/2	100 n.
Shai Lands S.	14 n.
Humphreys	7.85 n.
H.K. Realities	3.85 n.
Chinese Estates	100 n.

UTILITIES

Trams	14 1/2 b.
Peak Trams (old)	7.40 n.
Peak Trams (new)	3 1/2 n.
Star Electric	61 b.
Y. Ferris	24 1/2 n.
China Lights x. rts.	6 1/4 n.
China Lights Rts.	1 s.
H.K. Electric (old)	40 1/2 n.
H.K. Electric (new)	39.25 n.
Macao Electric (old)	17 1/2 n.
Macao Electric (new)	18 1/2 n.
Sandakana Lights	11 1/2 n.
Telephones (old)	25 1/2 b.
Telephones (new)	10.20 n.

INDUSTRIALS

Cald: Macg. (Ord.)	Sh. \$30 n.
Cald: Macg. (Pref.)	Sh. \$25 n.
Canton Ices	1 n.
Cements	18.60 n.
H.K. Ropes	8 n.

STORES

Dairy Farms	19.20 b.
Watsons	11 1/2 n.
Lane Crawfords	9 n.
Sinceres	2.15 n.
Wing On (H.K.)	39 n.
Powell Ltd.	1.90 n.

COTTON MILLS

Ewo Sh. S.	46 n.
Shai Cotton Sh.	205 n.

MISC.

H.K. Govt. 4 1/2%	97 1/2 n.
H.K. Govt. 3 1/2% (1934)	94 n.
H.K. Govt. 3 1/2% (1940)	94 n.
Ch. Govt. 5% 1925 GSds.	42 1/2 n.
H.K. Entertainments	7 b.
Constructions (old)	1.60 b.
Constructions (new)	7.70 n.
Vibro Piling	7.70 n.
Marsmans Inv. (Lon.)	7/6 n.
Marsmans Inv. (H.K.)	2/6 n.

French Steamer Sails Again

MONTEVIDEO, Jan. 14 (Reuter).—The French steamer, Mendoza, which took refuge in Uruguay waters after being intercepted by the British auxiliary cruiser Astoria on Monday, left again for an unknown destination this morning.

The Mendoza spent the night at the entrance to the Montevideo Harbour. She left Buenos Aires with a consular cargo for Uruguay, France on Friday in an attempt to run the British blockade.

Dr Kung Entertains Foreign Journalists

CHUNGKING, Jan. 14 (Central News).—Dr H. H. Kung, Vice-President of the Executive Yuan, yesterday entertained foreign journalists in Chungking at luncheon at the Chiang Kai-shek House immediately after a Japanese air raid.

He made a report in English of the work and progress of the Chinese Industrial Co-operatives, of which he is Chairman, and expressed appreciation of the generous support given by the people at home and abroad.

CONGRESS & AID TO BRITAIN

Bill To Be Debated

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14 (Reuter).—Mr. Sam Rayburn, Speaker of the House of Representatives, stated today that he was willing to accept "any restrictions whatever" on the Lense and Lend Bill provided that they did not interfere with the general purpose of the Bill.

Mr. Sol Bloom, Chairman of the House Foreign Relations Committee, before which the Bill is coming to-morrow, said that he proposed to offer one or two amendments.

Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, will be the first witness at to-morrow's hearing. He will be followed by Mr. Henry Morgenthau, Secretary of the Treasury, and Mr. Henry L. Stimson, Secretary of War, and on Thursday Colonel Frank Knox, Secretary of the Navy, and Mr. William Knudsen, Director-General of President Roosevelt's new Supreme Defence Directorate, will testify.

Replying to questions, Mr. Bloom said that he was not going to call for a representative of the "America First" Committee be heard, had been granted.

Willkie Endorsement

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14 (UP).—The sharp split in the Republican attitude to the Lense-Lend programme has heightened the prospects of the early enactment of the measure. Important circles said today that Mr. Willkie's endorsement of the Bill had achieved a fundamental break in the solid front of the anti-administration group.

Representative Kenneth Simpson, New York Republican, regarded as Mr. Willkie's spokesman in Congress, announced his wholehearted support of the basic principle of all aid to Britain. He sharply attacked the stand taken by Mr. Thomas Dewey in New York and Mr. Herbert Hoover.

Donations To Bomber Fund

A total of \$1,541,000.23 was reached yesterday by the War Fund inaugurated by the S. C. M. Post, Ltd., with the following donations:
Police Recreation Club (fourth donation) \$67
H. J. Countess (third donation) 20
Mr. M. E. Hogan (third donation) 25
Miss E. E. Hogan (third donation) 200
Collected in Cocktail Bar, Peninsula Hotel 14.04
H. J. Countess (fourth donation) 300

BRITISH RED CROSS

A further sum of £2,000 has been received from the British Red Cross, England, and one case of woollen clothing has been shipped to the children of the British Red Cross. The largest consignment to date has reached a total of 202 cases. The following appeared in the latest fortnightly Summary of Work issued by the British Red Cross:

During the two weeks ending October 5, the Central Hospital Service Department received more than 10,000 gifts from overseas and nearly 30,000 from Hongkong. The largest consignment came from Hongkong, it contained 9,700 items.

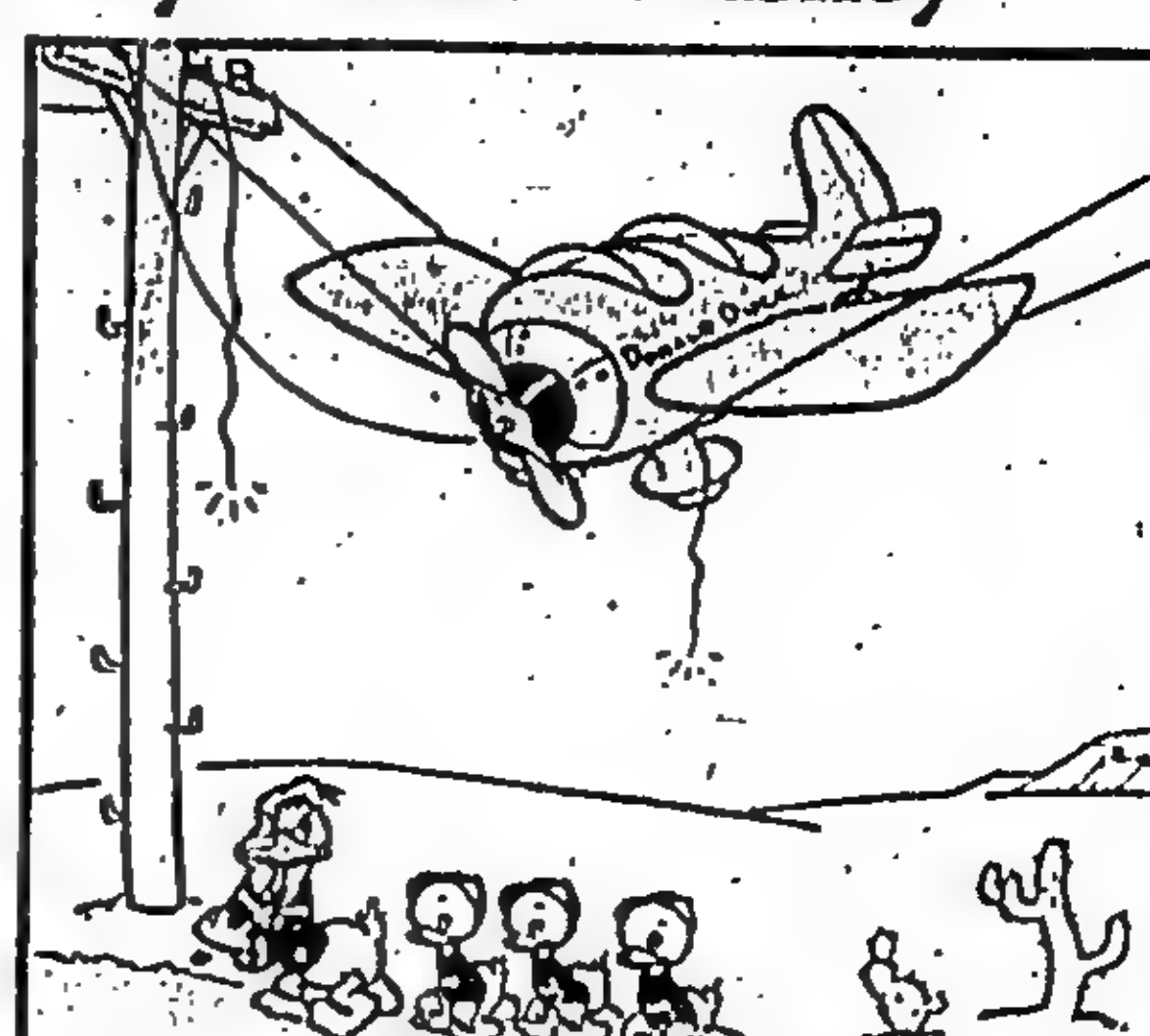
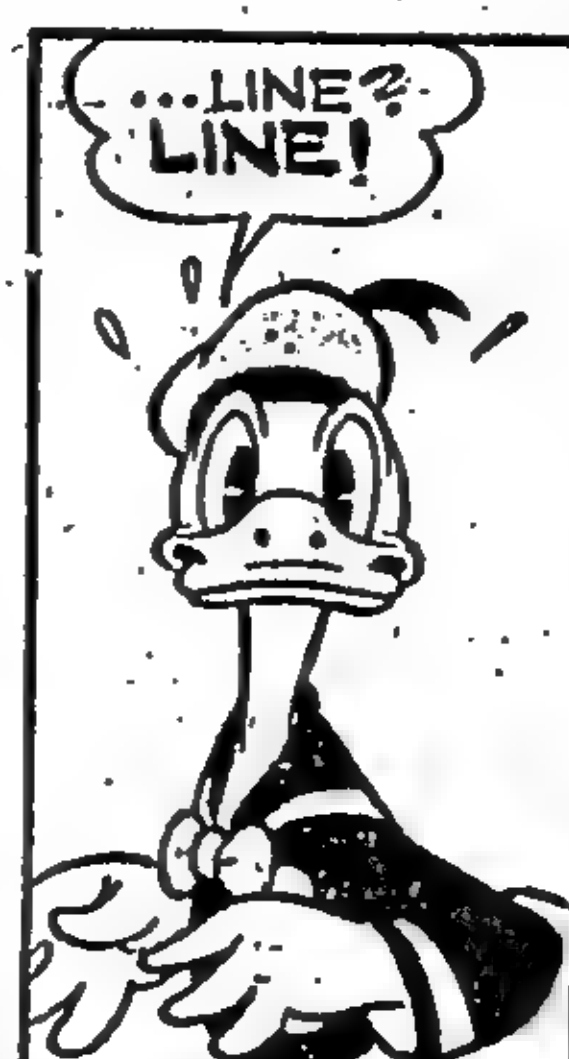
REFUGEE CAMPS

The Director of Medical Services gratefully acknowledges the receipt of twenty cases of cod liver oil for the children in the Government Refugee Camps from the Foreign Auxiliary to the National Red Cross Society of Work issued by the British Red Cross.

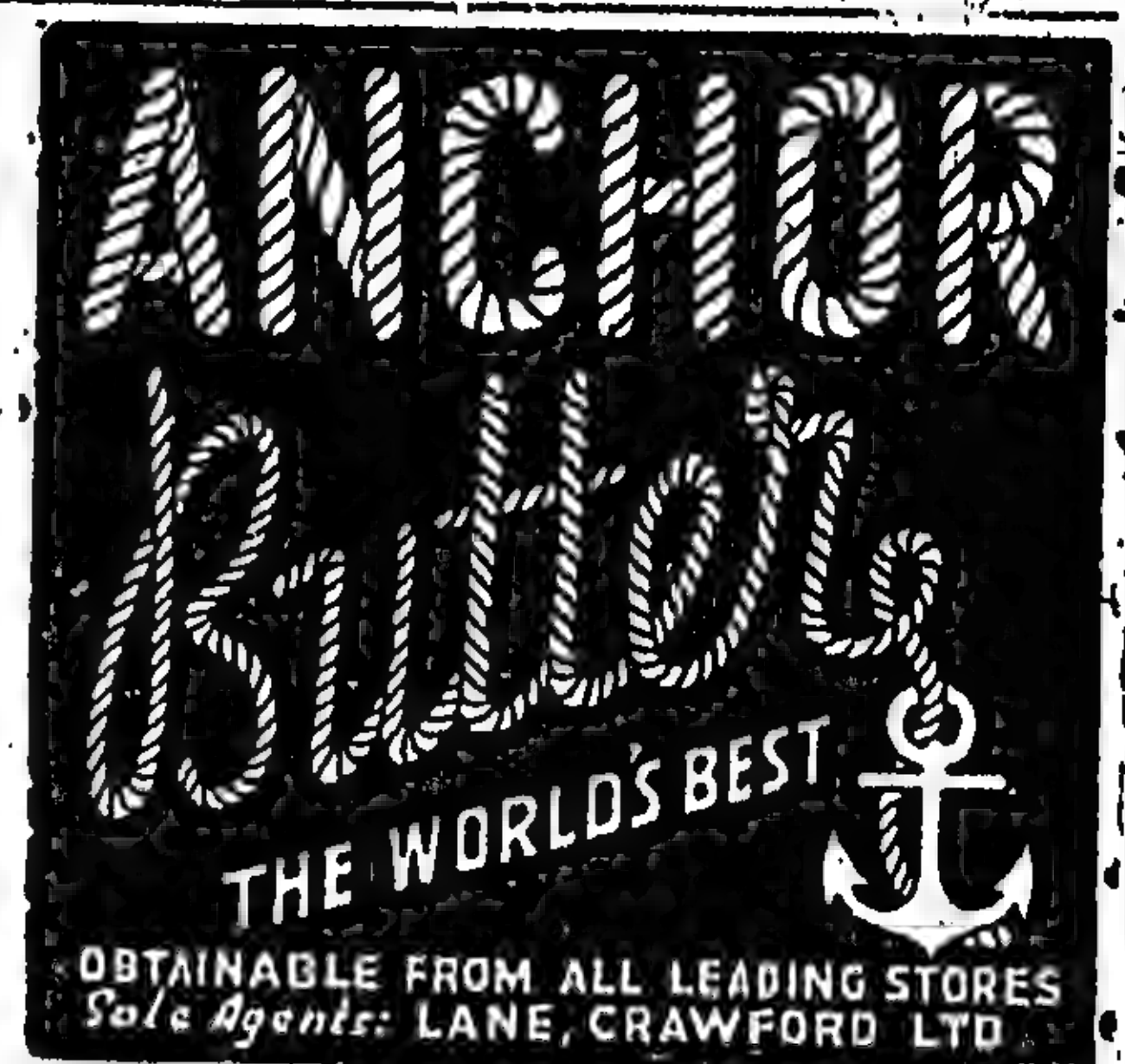
FACILITIES FOR EVACUATION

LONDON, Jan. 14 (UP).—It is expected that the British Government will shortly make it clear to the Brazilian Embassy here, which is entrusted with Italian interests,

DONALD DUCK

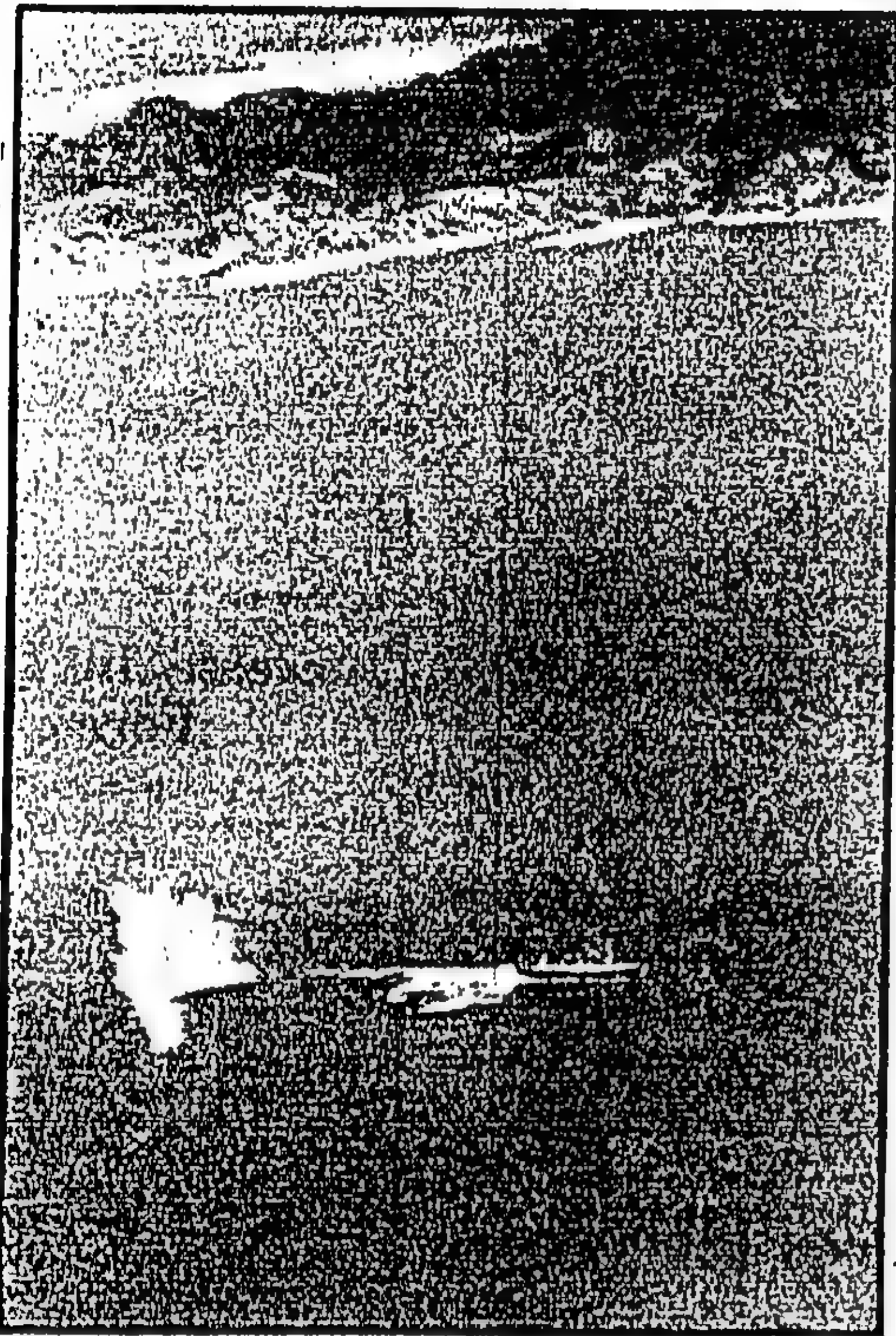


By Walt Disney



MAGAZINE PAGE

BOMBING THE GERMANS



How Science "Reads" the Ages of Fish

TELLING the age, origin of fish and how many times they have spawned by their scales is a new technique recently developed by Dr R. A. Nesbit of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and David H. Wallace of the Chesapeake Biological Laboratory of Solomons, Maryland.

The scales of fish show annual growth "rings" much like the annual rings in trees. Fish scales are better age indicators than teeth in horses. The portion of the scales shaped like an inverted "v" which lies underneath the skin reveal these "rings." They show up as blank spaces where the new scales were not laid down due to slowed growth during winter. It is necessary to use a microscope for accurate results.

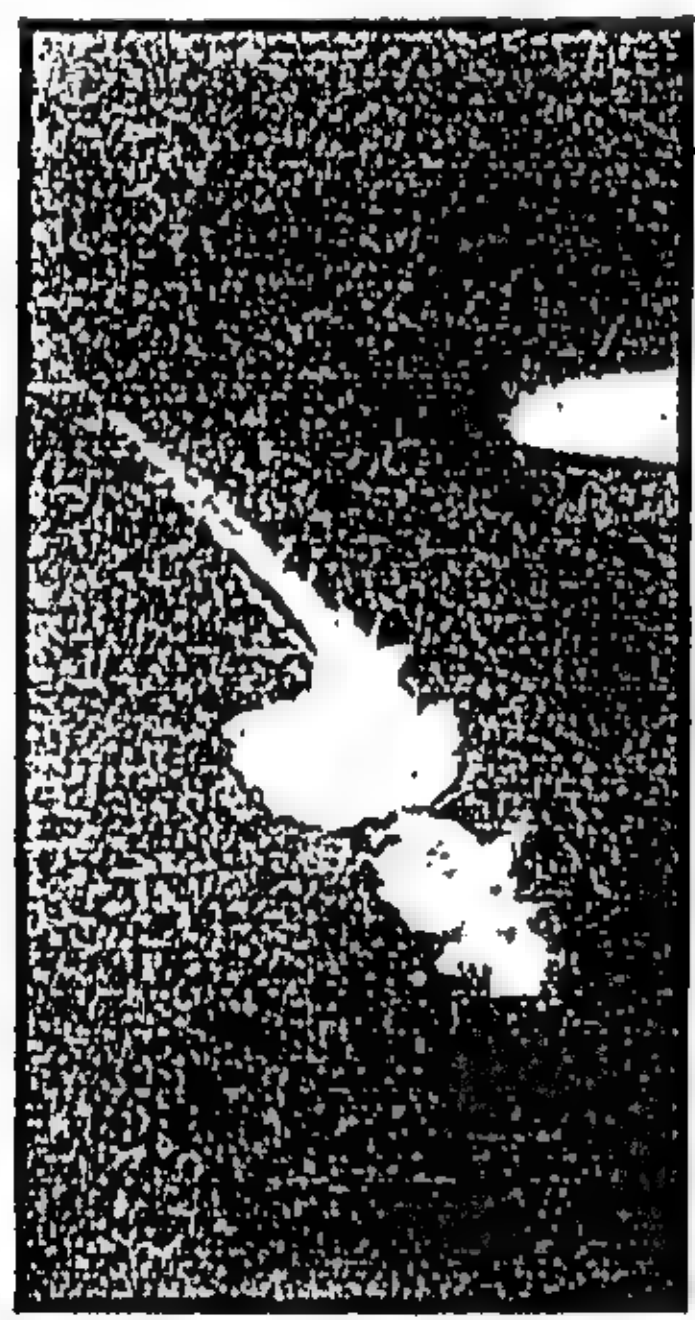
Such factors as food supply, saltiness and temperature determine the scales' first-year rate of growth. Biologists can tell whether a fish was born in the Hudson River, in Chesapeake Bay, or even in what part of the Chesapeake Bay tributaries.

The fish absorbs the calcium it needs from the outer edge of the scale at each spawning. This shows up clearly in "scar tissue" in the scale "biography."

Balloon Barrage Improved

A German bomber was brought down recently in England through being caught in a balloon barrage of improved design. The machine fouled a balloon cable. It is not possible to give any details of this new weapon of defence, but it enables our balloons to fly at a much greater height than hitherto.

The bombing of a Nazi 2,000-ton supply ship by Skua aircraft of the Fleet Air Arm off the Norwegian coast. The first bomb (top picture) was a "near miss" but the second (below) registered a direct hit. When last seen the ship was listing heavily and had been abandoned by her crew.



Britain's Motor Torpedo-Boats

by "Taffrail"

Fast motor torpedo-boats now figure in most of the world's navies. The naval book of reference "Jane's Fighting Ships", mentions 25 such vessels in the British Navy, with another ten due to be constructed under pre-war programmes. There are also six motor anti-submarine boats. What additional fast motor-craft may have been completed or laid down since the outbreak of war, it is impossible to say.

M.T.B. No. 102, in which I was at sea before the war, may be taken as fairly typical of the boats built by one well-known firm. She is what is generally known as a "hard chine" boat, 68 feet long and built as to skin and frames, of mahogany, with Canadian elm for timbers, hog chine and gunwale. Her deck-house and most of the deck-fittings are of stainless steel, and the fully-laden displacement is about 28 tons on a draught of 38 inches.

Driven by three eighteen-cylinder engines each of 1,000 horse

power, her fully-laden speed is over 40 knots. Like others of her class, she has two V8 engines which can be used to drive the wing-shafts, and producing a speed of 5-9 knots. The rear of the engines at full speed is like that of an aeroplane, and as the noise might give away a night attack, the auxiliary engines, noiseless outside the ship, would enable an M.T.B. to creep up to an enemy at night, to fire her torpedoes, and then to make off at full speed. The change over from the Auxiliary to main engines can be accomplished in about twenty-five seconds.

The armament consists of two 21-inch torpedo-tubes, and a number of machine-guns. Depth charges could also be fitted for work against submarines.

My trip to sea was in moderate weather, and I was struck by the seaworthiness and habitability. Even at over forty knots, with her bows lifted well out of the water,

there was very little fuss or bow-wave.

The accommodation consists of a roomy fore-cabin with comfortable air-conditioned lockers, a wardroom for the officers, a wireless cabin, and a small galley and lavatory. There is a small dump-mast for signalling purposes and for carrying the wireless aerial; one set of engine controls with a wheel in the deckhouse under cover, and others on deck.

Motor torpedo-boating is necessarily a young man's job, and though comparatively little has been heard of the work of British M.T.B.s since the war, it can be said that they have done arduous service in all sorts of weathers with conspicuous success.

As to what the future may bring in this type of craft, one cannot predict; but M.T.B.s of 60 knots with a greatly extended range of action are by no means impossible. The first British torpedo-boat ever built, the "Lightning" of 1877 of 34 tons and 19 knots speed, was roughly the same size as some of the M.T.B.s now in the Royal Navy. The little "Lightning" was really the ancestor of all our modern torpedo-craft, including the large destroyers of to-day.

By Hannen Swaffer:

Is the Public Told Lies?

"WILL you please enlighten me as to whether the public outside London is, or is not, being gulled by the B.B.C. and the Press as to the damage being done to London and suburbs?"

The letter comes from a woman in Herne Bay. Someone has been telling her harrowing stories of the destruction of London.

THE most illuminating reply I can make is by quoting the remark made yesterday by a friend who, despite the fact that he is a violent anti-Nazi, has just been released from an internment camp, and who was surprised, when he went round the town, at the comparative smallness of the damage.

And this was after the violence of a recent night's bombardment!

"When, in a Yorkshire camp, we read the papers and heard the wireless news," he said, "we thought things were much worse than they are."

I SEE, some mornings, that a bit more of my boyhood has gone, that places I knew in my youth and in my manhood have suffered damage. The London of Wren and the London of Dickens are now, in parts, among the ruins that Hitler knocked about a bit!

The old music-hall where I last saw Marie Lloyd is now only a shell. Two theatres from which, at different times, I was barred for telling too much truth about snobbery or flappoodle bear the marks of bombs.

The restaurant where first I lunched with Chaliapine will not send any more hungry folk for months.

Cinemas where I have seen many films famous for their brief lives suffer serious scars.

An actor's flat—well do I remember the grim supper-

party he gave after a big flop—is no more.

Homes of the poor and mansions of the great have suffered.

There are gaps in hundreds of roads.

But—London is still there.

NOT till yesterday did I hear of the death of a man I knew well. For weeks, others had lost relatives or friends. Mine had all survived. Then I was told of a colleague who was killed while walking into his club.

I shall hear of more—unless I go first. We are all in the front line.

THE minor tragedies I hear about are the loss of personal possessions—the collections of years of travel or experience which, valueless to everyone else, are precious to their owners.

"All my film stars are gone," said a man yesterday.

He meant his scores of photographs gathered together during years in Hollywood.

Manuscripts have been burned by the hundred. Pictures have been smashed.

Many a man's Cavalcade of personal reminiscence has disappeared.

LONDON, in the daytime, is more or less normal. People arrive late at their offices, perhaps, a little grumpy after a bad night and then a roundabout journey.

Business goes on somehow. Sirens are almost disregarded—until nightfall.

Then, soon after the Black Out, as a rule, the Warning comes.

That means another night of it.

For half an hour or so there are still a good many people in the streets.

Then, when the guns start, they disappear, one by one. Until morning, except for occasional passers-by, the streets are almost empty.

"LONDON'S just a big village now, at night," said a shopkeeper, closing just after dusk. A few taxis run during the evening. There are some omnibuses. Otherwise, almost the only traffic is a hurrying ambulance or a fire engine dashing past.

BUT the guns—and the explosions!

If you are lucky, you get to sleep while there is silence. If not, they keep you awake for hours.

Even a bomb that has fallen half a mile away seems only a few yards distant.

You hear the fall of glass—and, every hour or so, a heavy drone means the presence overhead of a Nazi plane.

At intervals for hours there are bangs and thuds, sounds of collapse, thuds underground.

THEN at long last—unless you have slept—there comes another day.

You hear of deaths in one district, ruins in another, and stories that "So-and-so has copped it," when, if you go to look, there is usually only a hole in the road.

The paradox is that while people make the worst of it when they talk of damage—that is why all the stories spread—they put on the best air they can when they face another night.

Their philosophy saves them. Their insular calm is their shield.

AS for the Heroes of the Night—and they are legion—what are we going to do about them?

An auxiliary fireman wrote yesterday:

"May I, on behalf of all of us, say that we consider that it is our turn to do a job of work?" he said. "We are doing what we can. No praise is asked for."

"There is one thing, however, that we would like—pensions for our widows! Yesterday, we were asked to subscribe towards seventeen widows of A.F.S. men. The widow of one of our own chums has had to go to the Public Assistance Board."

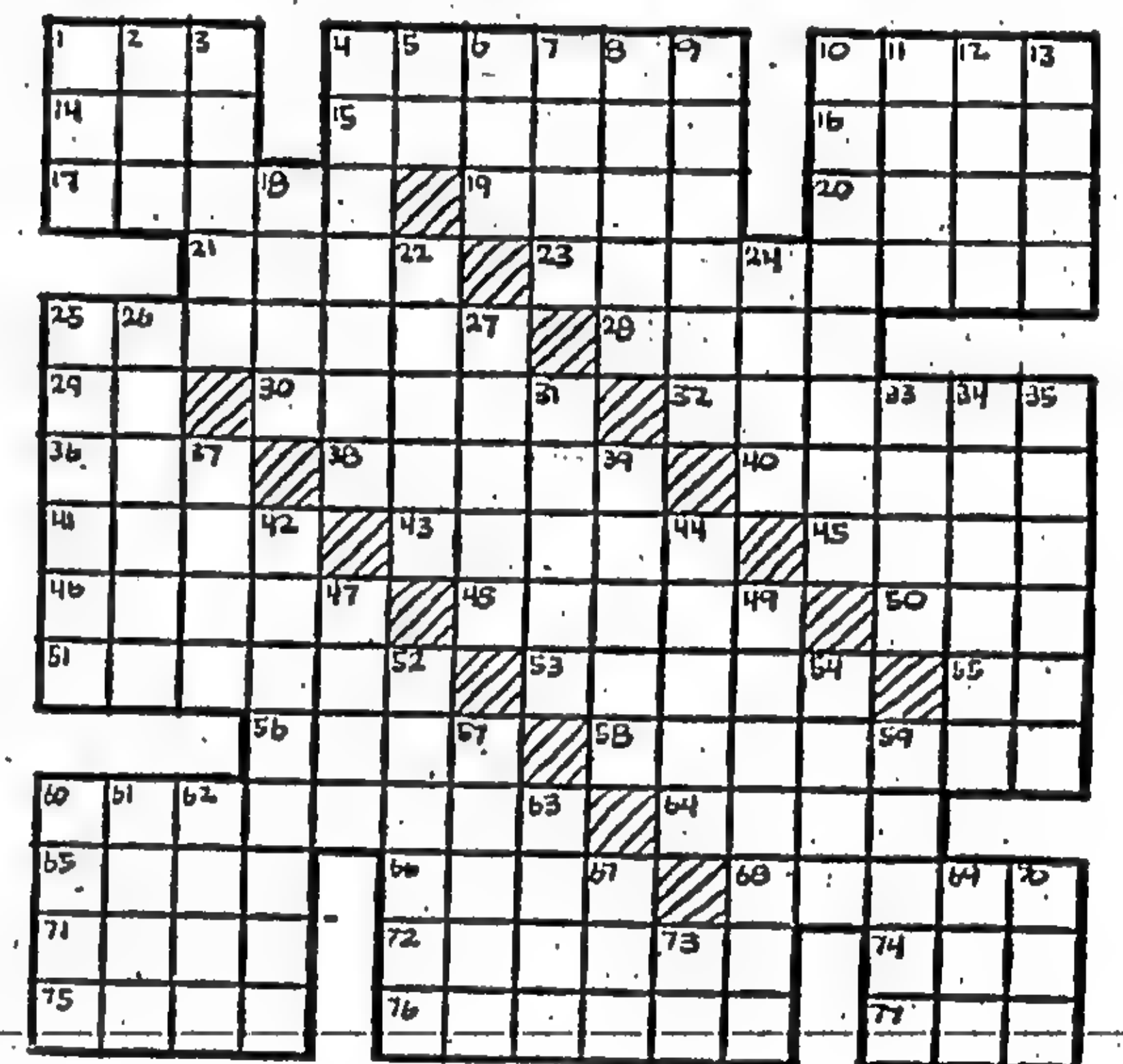
"We work 48 hours at a stretch, and then one day off—in other words, an average of 112 hours per week. But that is not half so important as the wife. Please do something and you will find us balancing on even higher bits of wall and doing the impossible with as light a heart as ever walked on a duty path."

Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS
1—Robbery
4—Tends toward opposite state
10—Outer coat
14—Exist as
15—Convince
16—Case for sewing instruments
17—Appointed
19—Bride
20—Member of ancient Asian race
21—Captain of Nile boat
22—Arranged in orderly fashion
23—Instructions
24—Origin of plant
25—Printer's measure
26—Try into things (col.)
27—Shoots at long range from cave
28—Imitate
29—Move to eddies
30—Make laborious research
31—Unclean substance
32—Kind of ship
33—Offspring
34—Iron-shaped skeleton of fungus
35—Sudden outbreak
36—Pests; again
37—Bird hatching eggs
38—Foul, low building
39—Half an em
40—Restore to shape
41—Distribute about
42—Attached
43—Man not accompanied by woman (col.)

DOWN
1—Of little value
2—Law trial
3—Carried
4—Fixed allowance for food
5—Plural suffix
6—Doubt
7—Drinking vessels
8—Shallow stream
9—Plea
10—Separate entry
11—Naked
12—Caused to live
13—Not as much
14—Precipitates frozen water
15—Exert influence in certain direction
16—Powerful nation
17—Supports
18—Entirely
19—Equalized
20—Closed case
21—Dyne-centimeters
22—Decays
23—Walked freely
24—Prepositions (abbr.)
25—Green bird
26—Ligion of Asia
27—Those who are carried
28—Repeat
29—Deaths
30—Lively
31—Strong brew
32—Exclamation of contempt
33—Pieces of glass
34—Partake of food
35—Third king of Judah
36—Very long period of time
37—Shake head up and down
38—Editor (abbr.)



For A Few Hours

on Saturday morning, 18th January, ladies will offer flags for sale in aid of the Fund to present more bombers to Britain.

Fifteen thousand flags have been given for this purpose.

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GOOD NEWS INDEED!

WHEN "The Star", one of London's evening papers, describes the R.A.F. blitzkrieg raids on the invasion ports as being of "immense significance", as it did yesterday, there is every good reason to accept this assessment of Britain's new air offensive as being accurate. It is probably an understatement; for the significance is not so much that we are destroying Hitler's chances of attempting an invasion of England, as that our air force is now numerically strong enough to adopt and improve on Goering's Luftwaffe technique.

British bombers no longer have to carry out their raids without protection other than their own guns; they are now receiving the assistance of fighter planes, thereby adding tremendously to their striking power and effectiveness.

This has been the Luftwaffe's method ever since it took such a beating in the early mass raids on Britain, and the presence of escort fighters very largely accounts for the decreased number of invading machines brought down. Now the Nazis are to have a full dose of their own medicine, and the results can be confidently predicted.

As fighters, always at a numerical disadvantage, British and Empire aviators have proved time and again that they are superior to the Germans; as bombers our men have demonstrated that they are very much more accurate than the Huns. Given, therefore, similar conditions to those enjoyed by the Germans up to the present—escort fighter planes and masses of bombers—the battle for air supremacy is as good as won. This is not boasting; the claim is substantiated by cold and sober facts. The time appears to have arrived when Britain finds herself in the position to challenge the Germans in the air on more or less equal terms; the thought must be a brightening one for Goering's Luftwaffe. Our men have battled their way

Is Russia Next?

SOME of Hitler's most striking successes have been gained by doing the unforeseen and the unexpected.

He is the prime exponent of the doctrine that surprise is the most important element in the waging of war, and he always salts the ground well ahead.

It is eminently worth keeping that fact in mind when we weigh up the present situation, and being very much on the look out for a double-cross.

We have heard a great deal lately of the Axis plans for a "pincer" movement and it has been rather taken for granted that the Nazis' part in it would be a drive through Turkey and Syria to Egypt, to break Britain's control of the Mediterranean, and at the same time to deal our prestige among the coloured races a heavy blow.

That plan may, of course, be the one that Hitler intends to operate; but there is another one which has not been extensively canvassed—in itself a suspicious circumstance—and it is that, at long last, he will turn on Russia, thus realising an ambition that he has cherished for all his political lifetime.

OUT OF CONTROL

By
Robert Power

IT was once my disturbing experience to be in a car of which control was lost. Something went wrong with the steering mechanism just when we were trying to overtake a small van. When the breakdown occurred the car staggered crazily from one side of the road to the other.

For a second or two it seemed that we might hit the van, but that moved ahead as our car lost speed. The next danger was that we should overturn in a ditch; but, changing its course again, the car charged towards a bank on the opposite side, and there the driver contrived skilfully to end its mad career without hurt to either of us.

"Out of control"—the phrase has a vivid meaning for anyone who has had an experience of it, as applied to a piece of mechanism, be it an airplane, a car, or even a cycle whose brake refuses to operate at a critical moment.

My mind has been running on these unpleasant happenings by reading a line written by the Bishop of Norwich on the virtues of silence. Says the Bishop, "Once a word has been spoken, it is out of control."

How seldom we think of the consequences of speech in that way! And yet the truth of the statement is beyond question.

A lawyer with exceptional experience of actions for slander and libel once told me that when a lie gets a start, no explanation or apology can ever overtake it. In some places the lie will take root, and the correction will never be heard or read.

No sane person would dream of uttering a reckless or malicious statement into the microphone that serves a broadcasting system. Yet the word spoken loosely on a village green, at a tea table, or on a street corner, may travel in much the same way as a wireless talk, being passed on from one to another. You cannot tell how far it will reach, or how it may be distorted in the telling.

Were we to brood upon the dangers of the spoken word, we might, from fear, become silent and unspeakable. The safeguard is so to control the tongue that you acquire a reputation for speakings of things with discretion, and of persons with charity; and thus the word that goes crashing out of control can never be attributed to you.

By Candidus

There is definite evidence to support that possibility. First, there is Mein Kampf.

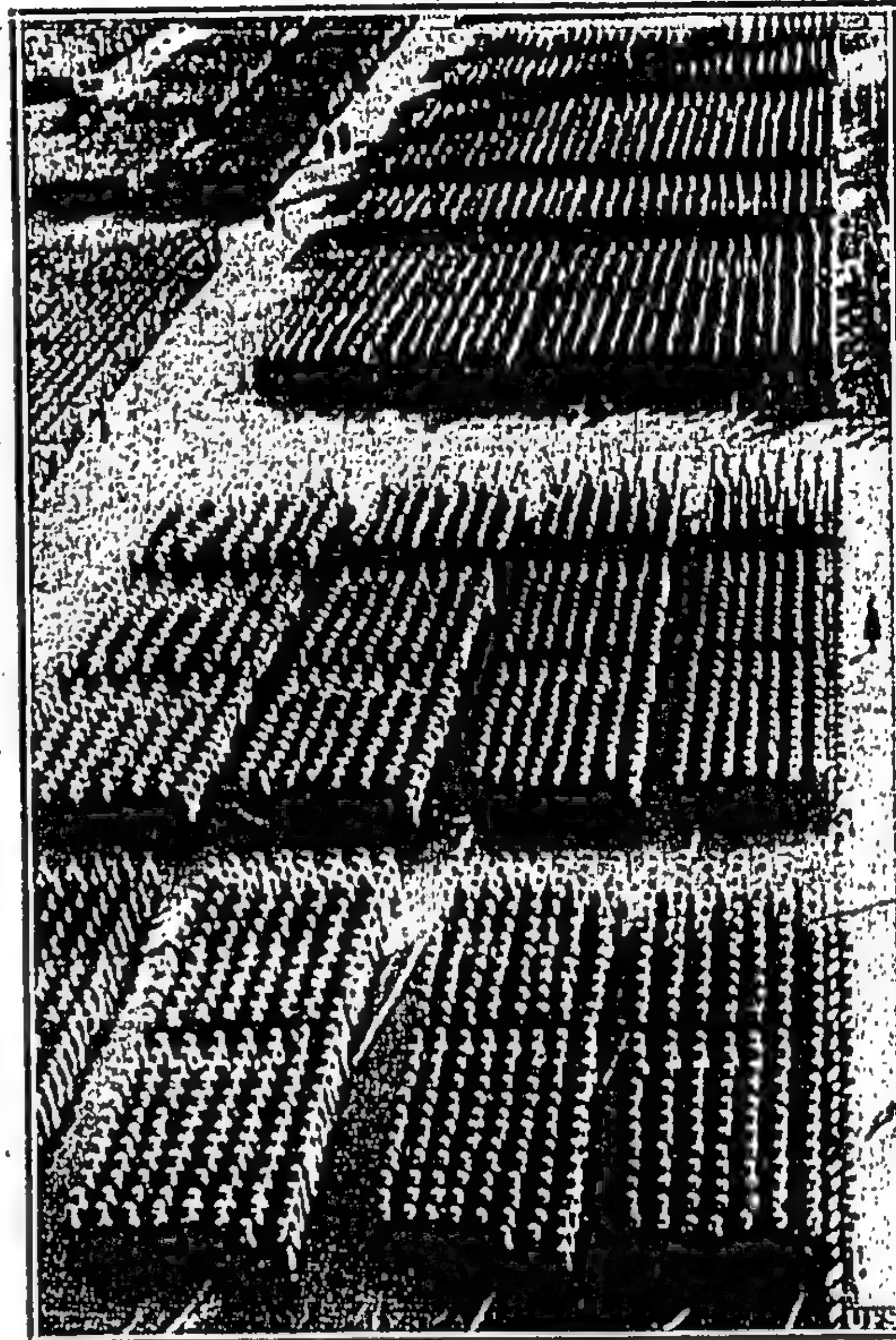
A very significant passage in the Nazi Bible is that in which Hitler asserts that the Bolsheviks have no idea of forming an honourable alliance or of remaining true to it if they did. That observation is

why Hitler should turn his legions against the U.S.S.R., and one reason that towers over all the rest—the Ukraine.

The Ukraine is a land that drips with riches and fatness; it would provide Hitler with virtually all he wants, both for his military adventures and the purposes of peace.

In the foregoing connection the "Times" correspondent to "The Times" writes:—

"Failing a break-through to the East, there is an alternative open to the Axis—the conquest of part of Russia. That would provide the sources of materials and food-stuffs necessary for a long war



RUSSIANS IN MASS—Impressive view of Russians in mass, as thousands of troops passed through Red Square, Moscow, in observance of 23rd anniversary of October Socialist revolution.

embedded in a long diatribe against Russia and its rulers.)

Its significance now lies in the implicit criticism it makes of the Russo-German Pact. Mein Kampf was written years ago, but we have had ample proof that Hitler seldom changes his main beliefs.

An incident of very recent date seems to give colour to the likelihood that Stalin also does not consider that the Russo-German Pact is either strong or durable.

An obviously inspired article recently which speculated on the form that the "coming" revolution in Germany would assume, and gloated over the prospect. Are the two strange bed-fellows—there has been none stranger in history—beginning to quarrel about the blankets and the sheets?

Apart from his deep hatred of with advantage, and in combination Bolshevism, there are many reasons they are irresistible.

against Great Britain and the United States, and it would also remove the potential Russian menace to the flank of a German advance in the Near East. Some well-informed circles in Turkey firmly believe that this idea was behind the conclusion of the German-Italian-Japanese alliance. A curious story has now reached Istanbul, from sources believed to be reliable, that the German Air Ministry has ordered from two Czech companies—2,000 pairs of skis for fitting to the undercarriages of aircraft. Aircraft do not require skis for making winning landings in Great Britain or Turkey, but it is not difficult to guess where skis would be useful.

Inclination, therefore, joins hands with advantage, and in combination Bolshevism, there are many reasons they are irresistible.

New U.S. Bomber:

Britain Will Buy All Made

By Robert Waithman

YOU may be hearing soon, and before long you may be seeing, a new plane that is being made for us in one of the largest aeroplane plants in the United States.

It will be called the Baltimore Bomber, British air experts in America think enough of it to have placed with the Glenn L. Martin Company of Baltimore a strangely-worded contract.

We have agreed to buy all planes of this type Martins can make between now and the end of 1941.

Details of production plans are confined to the announcement that the planes will be turned out "in volume," that engineering work is virtually complete, and that production will start "shortly."

Faster, Deadlier
But the facts are available on a bomber which the Martin Company has been and still is making for Britain, and it may be reasonable to guess that the new Baltimore Bomber will turn out to be fast, and a more deadly version of this already fast and deadly plane.
The Martin Company began large-scale production in 1939 of a machine

called the 107 F, which was meant to combat the best features of both attack plane and bomber, and to give high performance at both low and high altitudes. By early spring last year Martins were turning out three of these planes a day—for the French.

The machines that are now being produced for us are called 107B4. They weigh 8½ tons, have a wing spread of over 61ft.
Bad News For Berlin
Another piece of bad news for Hitler is that out in Burbank, California, a vast new factory of the Vega company—a Lockheed subsidiary—is working on another new twin-engine bomber, the Lockheed Vega 37, which is bigger and faster than the Lockheed Hudson that has served us so well and which has striking new devices to give it greater offensive power and greater immunity from attack. We have placed an order for £8,000,000 worth of these new bombers.

French Ship Held In New York

A writ of attachment is holding the French steamer Fort de France in New York pending trial of a libel action for \$145,000 damages which the British Government says it sustained by the alleged "conversion" of a cargo by another French ship.
The action claims that the British Ministry of Supply shipped 1,600 tons of special form of zinc—on board the French freighter San Jose from Vancouver for Le Havre early last June.
Subsequently, the plaintiff contends, the San Jose "converted" the cargo, by putting into Casablanca, Morocco, instead of Le Havre.

One or Two Things About JAPAN

If war comes in the Pacific, how well is Japan prepared to fight it out, is the question on the lips of every Japanese these days. The Nipponese realise that Japan's fourth year of the China incident may turn out to be the first year of a struggle for the supremacy in the Pacific, according to the information service, "Business Week."

Japan's self-sufficiency in foodstuffs has been impaired by growing lack of labour, fertilisers, fuel and machinery, continues the service. Output of rice, the most important food staple, has declined every year since the outbreak of the China incident, from 19,000,000 tons in 1937-38 to 17,100,000 tons in 1939-40. The 1940-41 crop is expected to fall short of last year's by more than eight per cent.

The composite Japanese index of mining and manufacturing production for the first five months of 1940 (all that are available) has consistently lagged behind the corresponding figures of last year.

Increase in Labour Force

Japan's industrial labour force has swelled 32 per cent since the outbreak of the China incident in July, 1937. In some of the defence industries the increase has been much larger; 131 per cent in the machinery and tool industry, 79 per cent in the vehicle, aircraft, and shipbuilding industry, and 55 per cent in the metal industry. The Government figures also reveal the strange fact that workmen in these supposedly high-gear defence industries work less than three years ago, probably because there is not enough raw material, fuel, and electric power to keep the productive machinery going at full blast.

No information regarding stocks of raw materials is available beyond vague official statements that the stock position is "by no means serious." But despite the slow supply of raw materials to industrial plants and the decreasing volume of railroad shipments, there are many reasons to support the belief that Japan still has a considerable stockpile of industrial raw materials, built up probably at the sacrifice of immediate defence requirements.

Adverse Trade Balance

Japan's international balance of payments has grown increasingly adverse since 1937, mainly as a result of heavy raw-material imports from the Western Hemisphere and the British Empire and mounting shipments of manufactured goods to the United States and China which does not provide foreign exchange.

During the first six months of 1940, Japan ran up an adverse trade balance of 461,000,000 yen in transactions with countries other than Manchukuo and China, as compared with 394,000,000 yen for the like period of 1939 and 1938. In the process Japan sacrificed nearly all of her negotiable gold reserves. In the event of a war pitting the United States, Great Britain, the Netherlands, and China against Japan, Tokyo's economic "Lebensraum" would undergo a drastic curtailment. Assuming a successful Japanese thrust into the Philippine Islands and Dutch East Indies, and complete mastery of French Indo-China, Japan would be able to draw for war materials on these three territories, besides China, Manchukuo, Soviet Russia, and, to some very small extent, Germany and Italy. The entire Western Hemisphere, Asia west of Singapore, and Oceania would most likely be inaccessible to Japanese merchantment.

DAMAGE DONE AT TARANTO: OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPHS

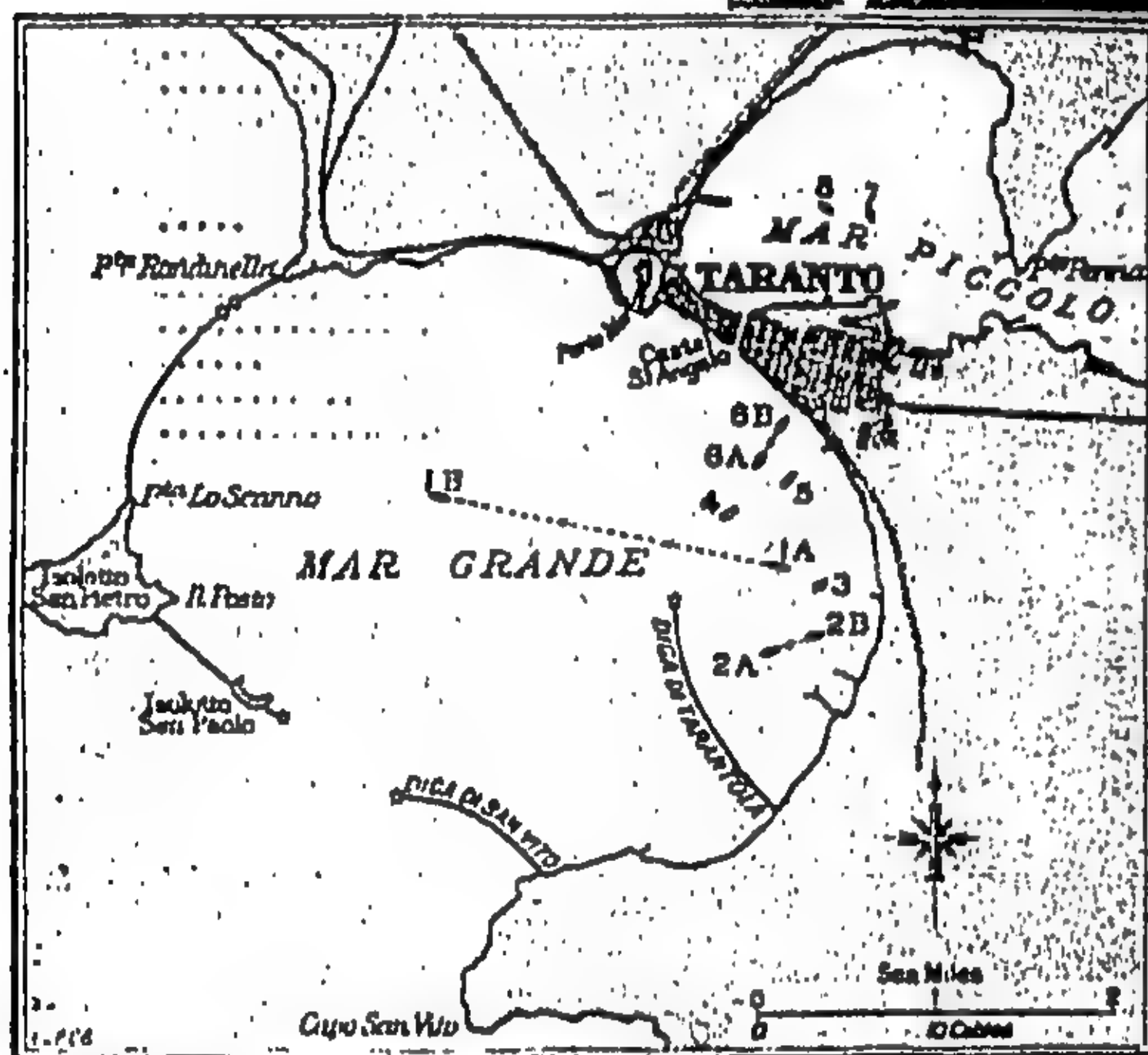
The three photographs on this page were taken on reconnaissance by the Royal Air Force after the crippling attack on the Italian fleet at Taranto by the Fleet Air Arm on the night of November 11/12 last.

A better appreciation of the pictures may be gained if a glance is given first to the map below, which shows the position of the Italian battleships before the attack (A) and the positions to which they were towed afterwards (B). Figures 3, 4 and 5 are undamaged battleships. Two cruisers which were also damaged are shown (7 and 8).

Top picture shows a Cavour class battleship down by the bows and beached on the northeast shore of the outer harbour. (Nos. 6A and 6B on map).

The lower left-hand picture shows a 35,000-ton battleship of the Littorio class badly down by the bows in the merchant anchorage in the middle of the outer harbour. Salvage ships and tugs are alongside, with oil on the water. (No. 1A and 1B on map).

Lower right-hand picture shows a 25,022-ton battleship of the Cavour class beached on the east shore of the outer harbour. There is a heavy list to starboard, with the whole of the starboard side submerged. The stern is completely submerged aft of rear gun turrets. There is oil on the water. On the right, another battleship of the Cavour class.



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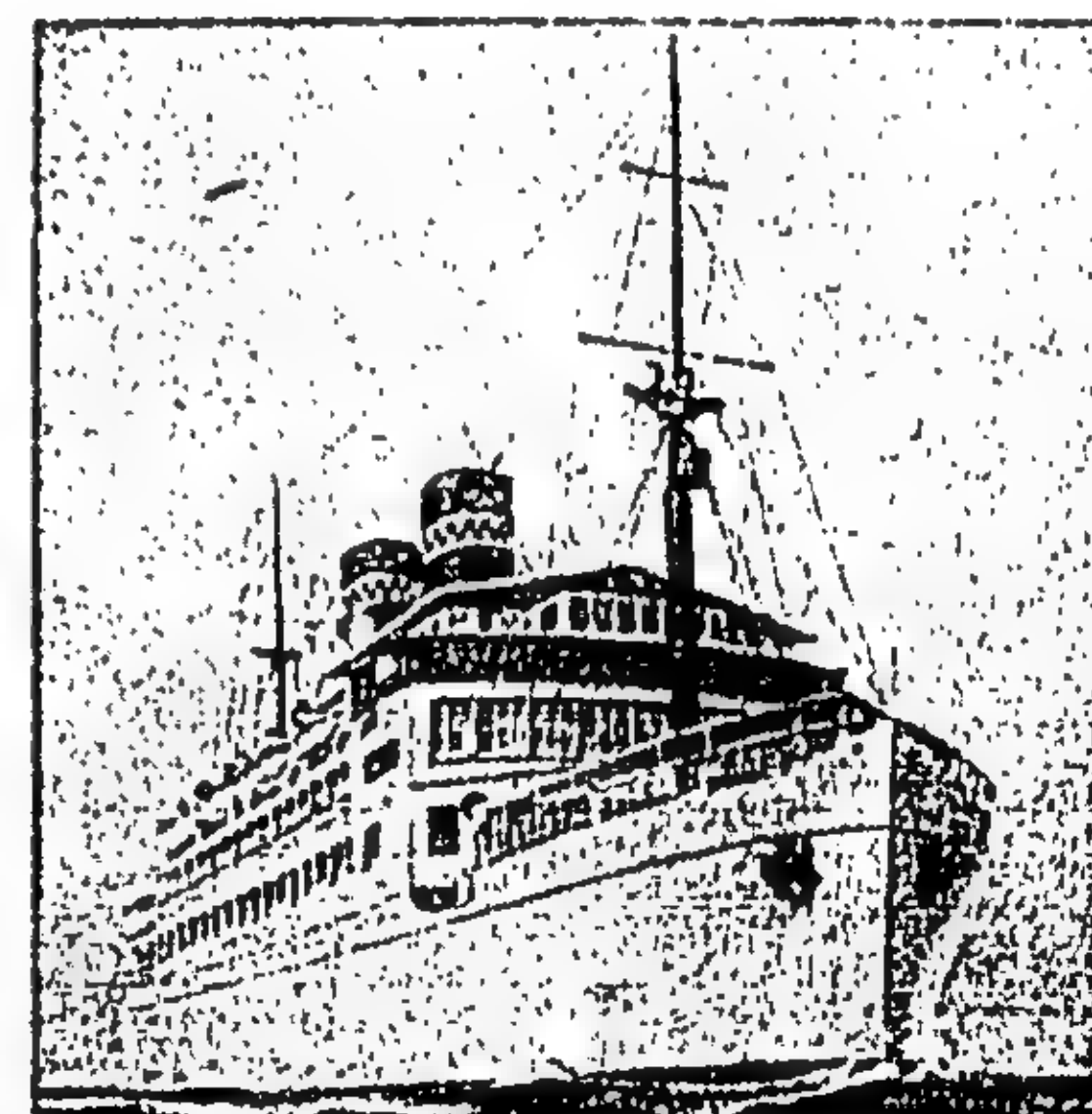
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Around The Courses SOLUTION TO HANDICAP PROBLEM

Assiduous Practice By Which Professionals Maintain Standard Grooving The Swing

(By "Birdie")

THE BEASTLY WEATHER of the past week-end upset most of the golf competitions that were to be played. A few of the hardier souls braved the elements and went around, but everything was far from pleasant.

The Captain's Cup competition of the Country Club was postponed one week, as were the first round matches of the men's Foursomes.

Incidentally, with regard to these Captain's Cup competitions, there arose an interesting question on handicaps. Some were of the opinion that a player played through the whole competition at the handicap with which he qualified, while others held that he should play in the match-play stages at his then handicap.

To most people it seems obviously most fair that the latter should be the course to adopt, for in a competition such as the Captain's Cup the Qualifying Rounds extend over several months—usually six at least—and there is every likelihood that a player would reduce his handicap between the time of qualifying and the time for playing the matches.

The Royal Hongkong Golf Club, I understand, have ruled that a player in the match-play stages of the Captain's Cup plays at his handicap at the time of the draw for the first round. This, too, I believe is the procedure at the Kowloon Golf Club, and it has been adopted at the Country Club.

Peculiarly, the problem had never arisen before at the Country Club, and the Committee had recently to make a ruling on the matter.

TWO matches in the Captain's Cup were played off at Sheungshui, T. Y. C. Lee (10) beat E. J. M. Churn (13) 3 and 1, while A. W. Ramsey (8) beat W. C. Hung (13) 4 and 3.

The final of the women's Championship was held over until the coming week-end. Miss A. Sequeira and Mrs. F. E. A. Remedios met again—their last match being in the final of the Ladies Cup which was won by the former on the 19th.

THE prodigious amount of practice that goes into the making of a professional golfer formed the subject of a very interesting article I read recently. Practice does not mean par-

ticipation in as many tournaments as possible, but the grooving of a swing by repeated shots off a practice tee.

There is not one of the American professionals to-day, it seems, who does not spend more time on the practice pitch than on the course. They even go as far as playing a whole round before starting on a championship match (match play, of course).

They get to the practice area, drop their bag of balls on to the ground and try every club in their bags. Then they wander to the putting green and try sinking them from all angles.

Following the recent Anthracite Open Tournament at Scranton, Pa., Sam Snead left the 18th green after his first round match and went straight to the practice ground where he went at the ball for two and a half hours—correcting what he thought was wrong with his swing. He had just shot a 5-under-par 65, too.

Dick Chapman, winner of the 1940 U.S. National Amateur Championship prepared for the tournament some months ahead of time. The venue was the Winged Foot Golf Club, N.Y., and Chapman joined the Club several months before the tournament to familiarise himself with the course.

His victory, incidentally, was by the widest margin since 1895. Duff McCullough of Philadelphia, lost eight of the last nine holes to be beaten 11 and 9 in the 36-holes final. This is the stuff of which present day champions are made. The standards are as high—made so by modern clubs and balls—that only with the most assiduous practice and by the utmost cold concentration in matches do the top-notchers hope to survive in the top tournaments.

AT the entrance to a South-west London Golf Course there is a black-board on which is this notice:

"Will members please pick up any shrapnel on the course. It might damage the mowing machine."



Boxing

Greek Wins Light-Heavy Championship

Salica Retains Title

NEW YORK, Jan. 14 (Reuter).—Antoine Christoforides, 23-year-old Greek, became light-heavyweight champion of the world at Cleveland to-day when he outpointed Mello Bestina of New York, a former champion, in a 15-round bout for the title, which was declared vacant by the National Boxing Association recently.

The Greek gained a well earned unanimous decision.

Challenged Defeated

In Philadelphia, Lou Salica, of Brooklyn, red of the world bantamweight championship, by outpointing Tommy Fort, a local youngster, in 15 rounds. Salica, whose left eye was closed in the sixth, fought a savage finish and narrowly gained the verdict.

Billiards

Volunteers Win Soldiers' Club Tournament

Medical Corps Annex Challenge Cups

THE FINAL of the Soldiers' Club billiards tournament last night resulted in Volunteers defeating Signals 1,600 to 798.

Allen, 133, Pitcher 136, Langley 40, Brakenbury 72, Hutchinson 130, Lilley 107, Pearson 64, Blount 110. Total 798. Volunteers 200, J. C. Remedios 200, Hickman 200, Silva 200, J. D. Remedios 200, Sequeira 200, Pereira 200, Baptista 200. Total 1,600.

The best break was 85 by Hickman. Pereira scored 27, 25, 20 and 35 and Baptista had three breaks over 20.

Challenge Cup Final

For the third year in succession, R.A.M.C. won the Garrison Challenge Cup this year by beating Military Police 733 to 642 points at the Soldiers' Club on Monday.

The winning team comprised Dixon, Terrell, Wyre, Harvey, Whybro and Howe. The losers were Willis, Hyde, Whilton, Thomson, Teggarty and Clift. The winners won four of six games.

"Y" Beat Customs

At the European Y.M.C.A. last night, the home team beat Chinese Maritime Customs 850 to 828. Chiu Sze-po won the only game for the Chinese Customs team, beating de Caster 150 to 100.

The Y.M.C.A. team comprised Jones, Eager, Sykes, Champlovier, Ingley and de Caster. The Customs team was Kemp, Cheuk Sui-nan, Ogden, Tang Mui-ying, Whitmore and Chiu Sze-po.

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RING BRAWL.—A Policeman has to restrain angry, pain-wracked Fritz Zivic, right, welterweight champion, from taking a punch at Al Davis, after the referee had stopped the New York bout. Davis was disqualified on fouls.

Basketball

Women's Open League Starts On Feb. 8

"Y" Court Enlarged To Accommodate Spectators

THE HONGKONG Women's Open Basketball League under the sponsorship of the Kowloon Chinese Y.M.C.A. will open their schedule of matches on February 8.

Physical Instruction director, Mr. Sek Chen-tack states that entries will be received between January 21 and 31, at the Club-house in Waterloo Road.

Many of the Colony's leading quintettes are expected to enter, including South China A.A., Fong Lam Girls' School and the South Seas Girls' Academy.

There is a possibility that the Canadian Chinese softballers will enter an aggregation, together with a team composed of Portuguese girls.

Cup For Competition

DR C. T. Wang, former Chinese Ambassador to Washington, has presented a real classy cup for competition, and will also act as one of the honorary patrons of the League.

The basketball court of the "Y" has been enlarged to the standard university size, and new stands have been erected to accommodate spectators.

Gunners' Rugby Team

The following will represent Artillery against Club A in a rugby match to-day on the Club ground at 4.45 pm.—Lieut. Comar, Marat, Lieut. A. Pearce, Capt. Skipton, Richard, Capt. Hook, Lieut. Wedderburn, Lieut. Smith, Lieut. Deiderfeld, Evans, Cooke, McDermott, Turner, Lieut. Banner, Hicks, Reserve, Gnr. Keeble.

Both Army Large Unit matches scheduled for yesterday were postponed.

Exiled Free Frenchmen Will Live To Conquer

LONDON, Jan. 14 (Reuter).—The remarkable growth of pro-British sentiment in France to-day was the text of a broadcast by Mr. Alfred Duff Cooper, Minister of Information, this evening.

He spoke of evidence from sources of "absolute accuracy," that in France despair had given place to hope, resentment to reason. People there saw that the only hope for the future of a France free and independent was a British victory.

Mr. Duff Cooper told of a French boy who built an aeroplane in a cowshed and on a stormy day when few German aircraft were about, took off and landed safely in England. He was now fighting for the cause of the Allies in the Free French Force. This boy, said Mr. Duff Cooper, was able to give effect to the desire latent in the hearts of millions of brave Frenchmen to-day who only awaited

Four Years' Chess Match Nears Its End

LONDON.—Two doctors, one in Nottingham and the other in the U.S.A., have been playing a game of chess by post for four years.

From the start Dr. H. F. Weber, a Professor of Philosophy at one of the American universities has been in difficulties against Dr. W. B. Blandy, of Nottingham. Dr. Blandy can now make in two moves, but the American refuses to resign.

Three weeks per move was about the average in peace time, but since the outbreak of war it has been more like six or seven weeks.

Later all the letters have been censored, and on one occasion Dr. Weber wondered if a move B-KR3 would be passed.

He thought the censor might possibly read into it "Bomb on King's Road!"

Dr. Blandy has just made his forty-fifth move and his opponent is in check.—Our Own Correspondence.

Tribute To De Gaulle

Mr. Duff Cooper paid high tribute to Free Frenchmen and their leader, General de Gaulle. He said, "They have given up all for a cause which means more to them than all the world: it is the principle of honour deeply implanted in the souls of all soldiers which has made them refuse to surrender: it is love of liberty deeply implanted in the souls of all Frenchmen which urges them to continue to fight. There is now the hardest of all lots to bear, but in the days of victory, theirs will be the greatest of all glories when exiles will come home as conquerors, restoring to their own people the freedom they had forfeited."

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Wet Weather Softball

Canuckettes In Line For Second League Pennant

Cardinals Blitzkrieged

By "Ball Fan"

WITHERING RAINS which put in its belated appearance last Sunday forced a postponement of all but three games, scheduled in Hongkong's softball leagues.

However, besides the damp, inclement weather, fans were treated to a real shower of baseballs dished out by the Maple Leaf lassies as they overwhelmed sailor Dixie Walker's chug-chugging Redbirds.

Ellie Chinn's Chung Hwa Maroons played true to form, keeping ahead "down-under", with a 14-5 defeat by Baby Panthers. In the Junior loop Cosmopolitans tamed South China 12-7.

The sparks that the Canadian-Chinese cuties have been giving off as they sizzle in their steady dash toward their second straight pennant, turned into red-hot conflagration, out there in the ball park Sunday as they played masterful ball to whip Dixie Walker's Red-legged Cardinals into line, to the tune of 14-1.

Behind the steady hurling of ace Mary Ng, who rationed Walker's wandering willow-heavers to two menial hits, the defending champions looked every inch like softball royalty as they blitzkrieged innky Redbird Zimmerman from the mound in the fourth frame with a barrage of timely baseballs.

Lone Tally

THE Cards scored their lone tally in the first stanza when Betty Clarke, stylist first sacker, rounded the bases and came home as a result of a wild peg by Mabel Bunn, Alice Mar, with three hits in four trips to the plate and Ullan Khoo with a circuit clout and two singles, led the power brigade of the champs in their ninth win of the season.

Playing in a continual drizzle, the Baby Panthers retained their hold in the first division of the girls' major league by subduing Ellie Chinn's Maroons, scoring seven runs in the third frame to clinch the issue. However, the Chung Hwa lassies celebrated what amounted to almost a minor miracle at the ball park when they led the Baby Panthers 2-1 at the end of the first inning.

Surprise Start

PLAGUED all season by a weak mound staff and labelled as weak about the weakest lineup ever to appear in local organized ball, the Chinese Belles started off in surprising fashion, but quickly reverted to their normal routine of issuing passed balls and free walks, finishing as usual, at the short end of the scoring, after the final round-up. May Chung, hard hitting shortstop, playing in her farewell game prior to leaving for Oakland, California next week, made two of the losers three baseballs.

Rookie slab artist Fungie Law, drafted up to the majors from the

League Standing

GIRLS

	W.	L.	P.C.
Canadian-Chinese	9	0	1.000
Wildcats	7	1	.875
Wahoos	6	2	.600
Baby Panthers	0	4	.000
Cardinals	4	0	.400
Recrelo	3	7	.300
Lus Florinas	1	8	.111
Chung Hwa Maroons	0	10	.000

MEN

	W.	L.	P.C.
Hong Kong Baseball Club	7	2	.777
St. Joseph's	7	2	.777
Indians	6	3	.667
Cyclones	6	4	.600
Recrelo	4	3	.571
Chinese Baseball Club	3	4	.429
Filipinos	1	7	.125
Canadian-Chinese	0	9	.000

Second Division

	W.	L.	P.C.
Chung Hwa	7	0	1.000
V. R. C.	5	1	.833
R. A. F.	5	2	.714
Recrelo B.	3	3	.500
Cosmopolitans	3	3	.500
South China	3	5	.375
Liga Portuguesa	3	3	.500
Royal Scots	3	4	.429
Royal Artillery	2	6	.250
C. B. A.	1	7	.125
Royal Engineers	0	9	.000

Inter Hong

	W.	L.	P.C.
Hong Kong Bank	3	0	1.000
Shell	3	1	.750
Lucas	2	1	.667
Texaco	2	1	.667
Chartered Bank	2	2	.500
Greenspols	0	3	.000
Cables	0	4	.000

sticks, allowed the weak willow-holding Panthers only two hits, but issued eight passed balls and a corresponding number of free passes.

Ladies' league scores—

R. H. E.

Canadian-Chinese 251240—14 13 2

Redbird Cardinals 100000—1 2 10

batteries: Mary Ng and Dot Louie; A. Zimmerman, Effie Babida (5) and Marie Rosa.

Chung Hwa Maroons 20201—5 3 0

Baby Panthers 1517x—14 2 7

batteries: Fungie Law and Lily Cheung; L. Xavier and Thereso Marques.

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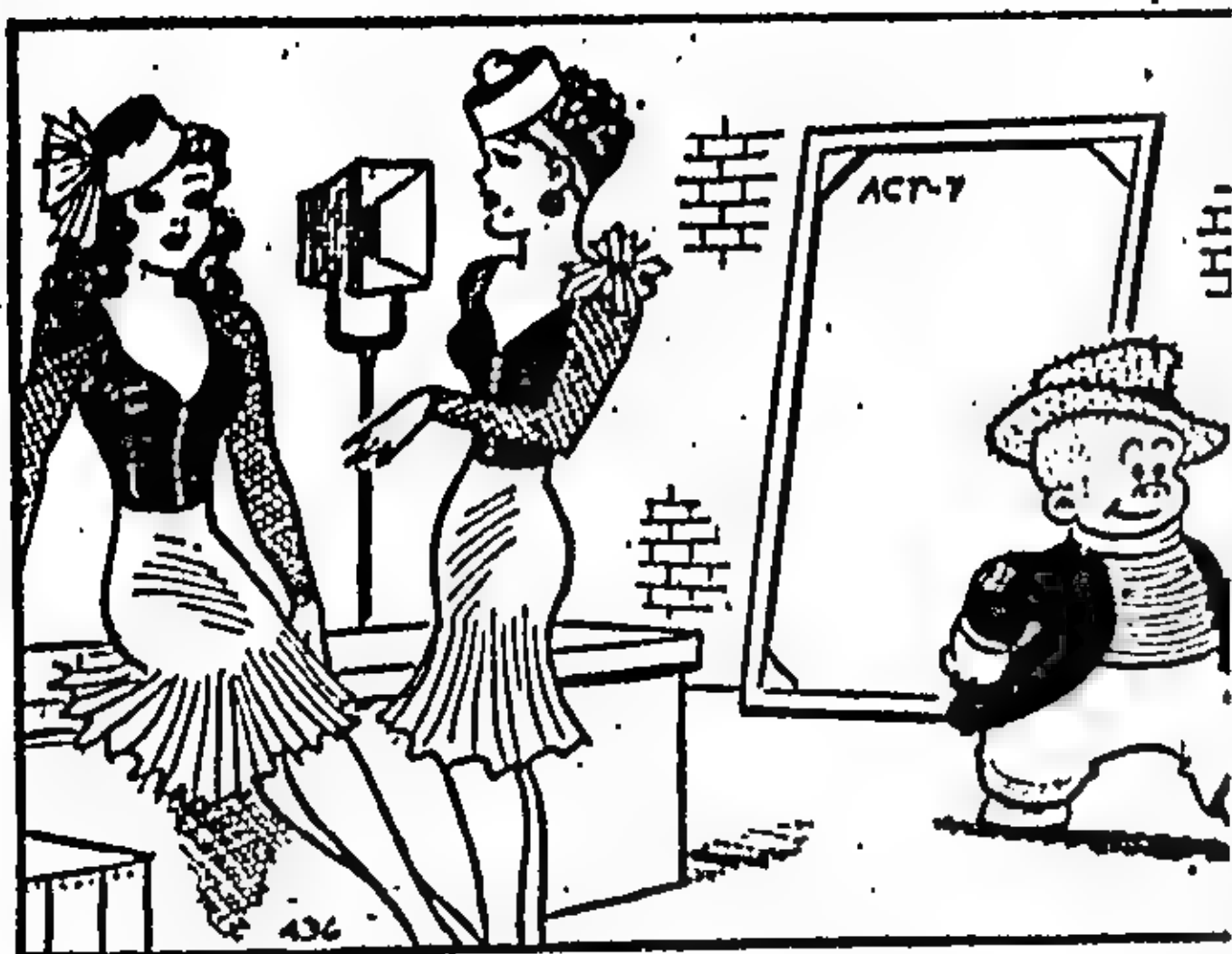
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NANCY



Eire May Seek Japan's Help

To Overcome Shortages

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"—LONDON, Jan. 13 (Domei).—Japan may soon come to the assistance of hard-pressed Eire which is suffering from an acute shortage of various commodities as the result of Germany's counter-blockade of the British Isles.

An emergency meeting of the Dail has been called for January 16 to deliberate measures to overcome the shortage caused by the German blockade as well as the decreasing imports from Britain. Gasoline supply has been so depleted that scarcely any motor-cars are found operating in the Free State, while it is believed that the shortage of tea, wheat, iron, coal, animal feed, fertilizer, and various textiles has been markedly felt.

Opportunity For Trade

Among the Japanese firms here, opinion is gaining ground that a certain amount of Japanese commodities such as Manchoukio soy beans, Japanese canned crab and salmon, and rayon and cotton goods, may be exportable to Eire.

Hitherto Japanese products have been re-exported from Liverpool; Japan's rayon textiles exports to Ireland alone aggregated more than Yen 3,000,000 annually. Japanese believe that more than Yen 10,000,000 worth of Japanese commodities can be exported to Ireland yearly.

Since Ireland is neutral, Germany may allow Japanese vessels to put in at Ireland and Irish ports and it is expected that Britain also will permit Japanese ships to call at Galway or Cork after being certified by British authorities.

Return Cargoes

However, difficulties are expected regarding return freight for Japanese goods as Ireland has few surplus goods for export but Japanese merchants point out that the ships can take on freight and passengers at Lisbon, particularly as there are many Indians, Turks, Syrians, and Egyptians seeking to return home from Europe.

Leaves For Saigon

SHANGHAI, Jan. 14 (UP).—French sources declare that General Maurice Martin, Commander-in-Chief of the French forces in Indo-China, left Hanoi for Saigon today.

Admiral Decoux, Governor-General, recently left for Saigon for a six weeks' holiday.

No Air Activity

LONDON, Jan. 14 (Reuter).—There has been no enemy air activity over the British Isles during daylight to-day nor up to 9.30 p.m. in the evening.

BRITISH WAR ORGANIZATION FUND.

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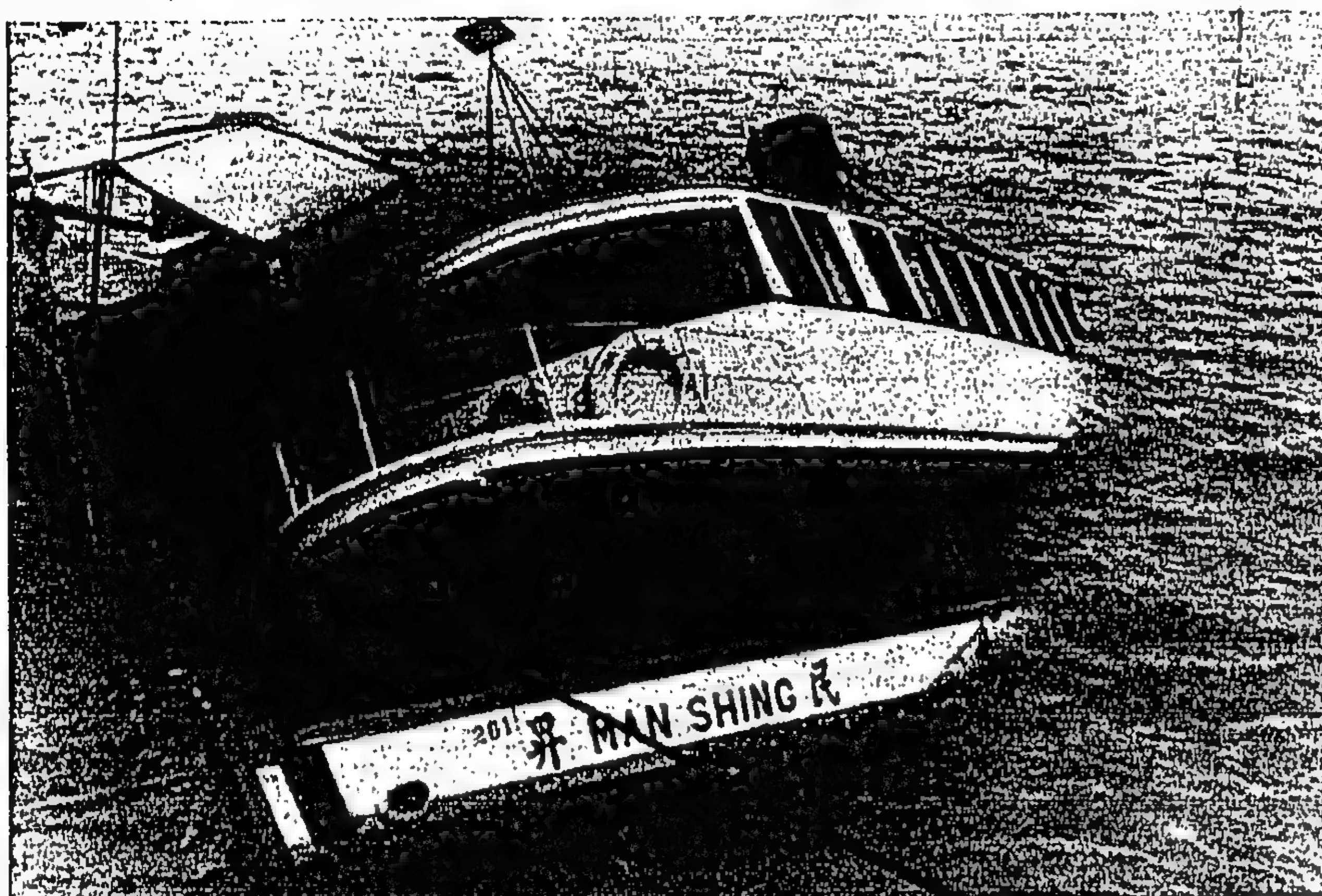
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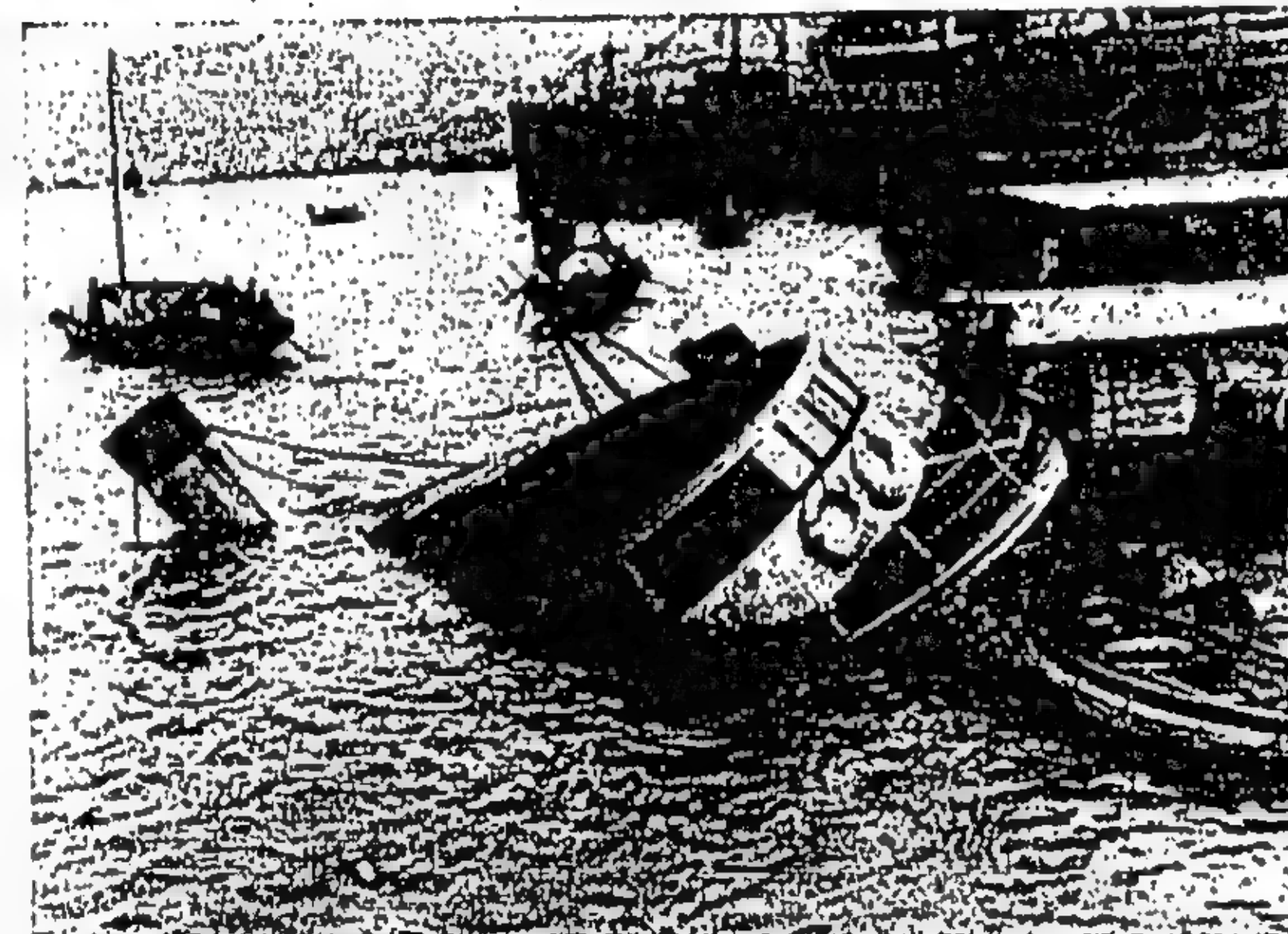
Two Yaumati ferries collided in the harbour yesterday and sank, fortunately without loss of life. The Man Shing, pictured here, was towed back to the island side of the harbour, but could not remain afloat.—Pictures by Ming Yuen.

War & Refugee Relief

Diamond Cutting In U.K.

LONDON, Jan. 14 (Reuter).—The first diamond to be polished in Birmingham has been presented to the Lord Mayor for war relief. The diamond, which is worth £100, was polished by refugees from Belgium and the Low Countries.

A sum of £5,000 for a spitfire has been received from the Bangalore civil and military station war fund. Up to the end of last year the British Red Cross and St. John fund had spent over £1,000,000 on food and clothing for prisoners of war while another £1,000,000 had been spent on medical requirements including £10,000 for relief in Finland. The balance then remaining was over £1,000,000.



Night Fighter Pilots Bringing Down Bombers

LONDON, Jan. 14 (Reuter).—The increasing experience of British night fighter pilots is beginning to show results. More raiding bombers are being intercepted and those that do get through are being attacked with some success, says the Air Ministry.

The number of our night fighter squadrons is steadily increasing, though necessarily slowly. Pilots must be taught a new technique of fighting, much of which is still experimental. Aircraft must be adapted and even under the most favourable conditions, the difficulties of trailing enemy bombers flying at some 250 miles an hour through the darkness are still severe.

"It is like trying to swat a wasp in a blackout room," as one pilot said. The enemy is working on similar lines. Our bombers are now encountering night fighters on their raids over Germany and several of these have been shot down.

R.A.F. More Successful
So far the night tactics of the R.A.F. have proved more successful than the enemy's because none of our night fighters has been lost in action.

The first Distinguished Flying Cross for night fighting is awarded to Flight Lieutenant John Cunningham, who shot down two enemy bombers over the south coast at a height of nearly 20,000 feet in a temperature of 50 degrees below freezing point.

STOCK EXCHANGE

Upward Trend Provides Satisfaction

LONDON, Jan. 14 (Reuter).—On the Stock Exchange, the upward trend of prices with broadening inquiries is giving cause for general satisfaction.

Gilt-edged holdings were again favoured to-day while several Brazilian bonds continued their advance, but on the contrary Japanese bonds encountered offerings.

Industrial stocks attracted buying interest, especially electric equipments and building shares, while among the oils, Mexican Eagles were the most popular feature. Wall Street was steady.

Tokyo Talks: Latest Move

Retired Generals Meet

TOKYO, Jan. 14 (Reuter).—An unexpected and unusual step has been taken by the Japanese War Minister, General Tojo, to call in a dozen retired Japanese generals for a round-table conference to be held to-morrow on what the "Domei" agency calls "the present national emergency."

Practically all the Generals convoked are ex-War Ministers or ex-Premiers. The conference will be attended by the present Chief of the Army General Staff, the Minister of Justice, the Vice-Minister of War, and the Chief of the Military Affairs Bureau.

The latter two will, says "Domei," explain the present conditions and "affirm the army's determination to see the crisis through."

New Chief Whip Appointed

U.S. Business Experience

LONDON, Jan. 14 (Reuter).—The Rt Hon James Gray Stuart has been appointed Chief Whip in place of Captain David Margesson, who was recently appointed Minister for War.

Mr Stuart is a brother of Lord Moray, and his wife Lady Rachel Stuart is a daughter of the late Duke of Devonshire.

Mr Stuart served with distinction in the Great War. He is Conservative Member of Parliament for Moray and Nairn and has been deputy for Captain Margesson since 1937. He is also the Scottish Government Whip.

For two years the new Chief Whip was in business in America; he is reputed to have one of the quickest brains in the House of Commons.

Mercy Ship Of Desert War

Takes Wounded To Base

("REUTER" IN THE WESTERN DESERT BATTLE AREA)

Jan. 14.—I have just had an opportunity of spending a short time aboard a hospital ship prior to its sailing. It was well filled with Italian prisoners from Bardia and with Australian, British and Rhodesian troops involved in the preliminary action around Tobruk.

These weary and wounded men will shortly begin their journey to hospital.

The little vessel is earning for itself the title of "mercy ship of the Western Desert." Built at Newcastle-on-Tyne it is not particularly handsome and registers only 800 tons, but its draught enables it to enter tiny harbours along the Egyptian and Libyan coasts.

Regular hospital ships draw too much water to enter these harbours. This ship provides easily the most comfortable form of transport for seriously wounded men—the alternative is the bumpy ride across a hundred miles of desert in an ambulance lorry which is a severe ordeal for casualties.

Pressed into service at short notice, the little ship is now making regular trips. A team of Australian medical officers supervise the wounded on a trip which is both difficult and dangerous.

The ship will await dusk when she will slip out of the harbour with the utmost promptness in order to miss Italian bombings.

Apart from the possibility of meeting a wandering Italian submarine, any high sea make the normal routine for men not accustomed to a sea voyage very difficult.

The majority of the Imperial troops who will make the voyage are men who went through the Bardia campaign and then were wounded at Tobruk.

In Good Spirits

The less seriously wounded men move about on the deck of the ship and all are in good spirits.

Some Imperial soldiers and many Italians are more seriously hurt and they console themselves with the certain knowledge that they will receive every possible attention at the base hospitals. Many of the lightly-wounded Italians are becoming more cheerful even before the voyage starts at the prospect that the war has finished for them, but others sit silently around the deck, their sad eyes asking the question, "When will they see their native land again?"

Governors Confer

African Civil Supply Board

NAIROBI, Jan. 14 (Reuter).—The Governors of Kenya, Uganda, Tanganyika, Northern Rhodesia and Nyasaland, and the Acting Resident of Zanzibar, met in conference here to-day.

An official statement issued at the conclusion of the meeting said "that they had agreed on the formation of an East African Civil Supply Board to control imports of currency, exchange and supplies for civil needs. They also agreed on the procedure to be adopted for dealing with post-war problems on an East African basis."

Military discussions, attended by the G.O.C., were also held during the conference of East African governors.

Fire Sweeps Brooklyn

NEW YORK, Jan. 14 (Reuter).—Fire to-day swept the famous Brooklyn waterfront, threatening city buildings, warehouses and municipal offices.

Five men are known to have been killed and many injured. Some are in hospital with critical burns. Thirty parked cars were destroyed by flames which also damaged a fire engine.

Fleeing Figures Afire
NEW YORK, Jan. 14 (Reuter).—The fire on the Brooklyn waterfront was brought under control after several hours.

Five people were burned to death and ten were injured. The fire spread so quickly that most of the 30 employees of a factory making wooden lockers for the United States Army had to dash through the blazing structure with their clothing alight.



HIS FIRE FIGHTERS—H. M. King George watches a demonstration of the latest fire apparatus during a recent visit to London fire headquarters. He's chatting with Major F. W. Jackson, brigade chief.

BETHEL MISSION

EVANGELISTS TO BE SENT TO CHINA WAR ZONE

A special service will be held at 10.30 a.m. on Sunday, January 10, in the Munsang College Auditorium, Kowloon City, at which time Bethel Mission will commission four groups of young evangelists to both occupied and free China, and also to the war zone to preach the gospel. The Rev. Samuel E. Boyle, of the American Reformed Presbyterian Mission, Takking, Kwangtung, will be the speaker. The public is welcome.

The Fifteenth Commencement Exercises of the Shanghai Bethel Bible Seminary will be held to-morrow at 7 p.m. in the Munsang College Auditorium, Kowloon City. The public is cordially invited.

COUNCIL MEETING

EXPENDITURE ESTIMATES TO BE INTRODUCED

A resolution approving the draft estimates of expenditure for 1941-42 will be moved by the Financial Secretary, the Hon. Mr. H. R. Butters, at to-morrow's meeting of the Legislative Council.

The Colonial Secretary will move "That the Report of the Finance Committee (No. 10), dated December 19, 1940, be adopted."

The Attorney General will move the first readings of "A Bill to amend Places of Public Entertainment Regulation Ordinance, 1919," and "A Bill to amend the Entertainment Tax Ordinance, 1930," and the second and third readings of "A Bill to amend the Holidays Ordinance, 1912."

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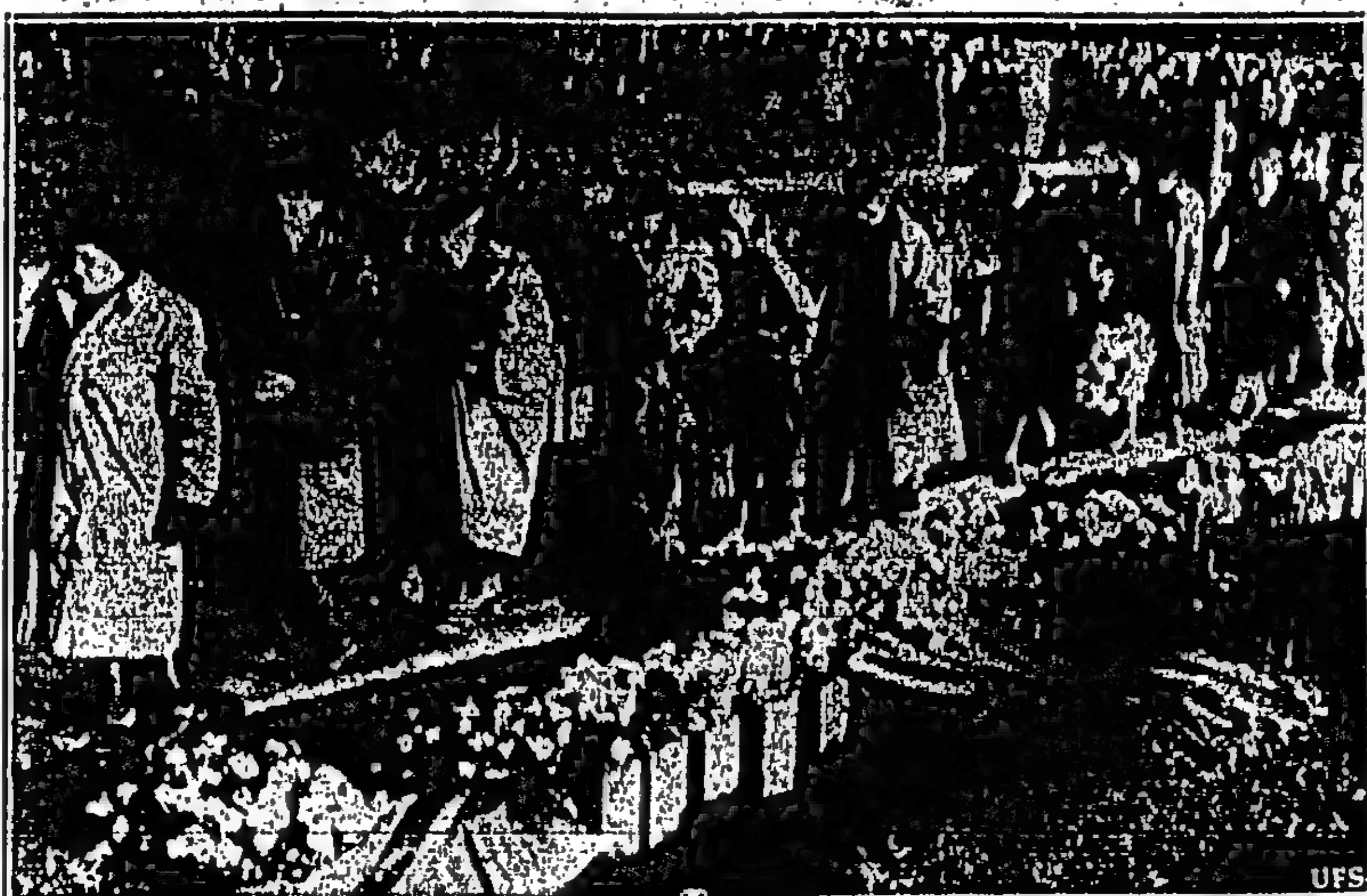
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COVENTRY'S MASS FUNERAL—Using steam shovel to dig vast trench, Coventry folk held mass funeral for 200 victims of Hitler's "retaliation" bombing of English city. Cable picture shows mourners filing past.

Demand For Doctors In Great Britain

LONDON, Jan. 14 (Reuter).—Because of the increasing demands on the services of doctors, certain overseas doctors can be included temporarily in the Medical Register if it is announced.

The main object of this is to enable civil hospitals to employ Dominion and foreign doctors. Those eligible fall into two classes, those qualified to practice in Canada or in the United States who are British nationals or citizens of the United States, and those qualified to practice in any part of the British Empire or the countries of our European allies, or in Germany or Italy.

Kwangsi Tung Oil

KWEILIN, Jan. 13 (Central News).—Energetic measures are being taken by the Kwangsi provincial authorities to increase the production of tung oil in order to boost export trade. In Kweihien, in northern Kwangsi, a large tract of 300 mow of land has been marked off for tung tree planting.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

A Scout and Guide Memorial Service for the late Chief Scout, the Right Honourable Lord Baden-Powell, will be held in St John's Cathedral on Sunday, January 19, at 3.30 p.m.

French Postcards Rationed

Radio Toulouse recently announced new means of communication between occupied and unoccupied France.

In addition to the postcards for family use, a special card for communication between business houses in the two zones will be introduced. It is pointed out, however, that the number of these cards is limited to 500 a day in each direction.

Communist Talks

China is represented in the coming Communist conference in Moscow by Mr Chen Shao-yi, who is due shortly to leave Yenan, North Shensi, for the Soviet capital. Closer Sino-Soviet relations are indicated by the recent conclusion of a barter agreement on a bigger scale than before.

A charity performance of "Faith and Love," a play of Ancient Rome, was given by the pupils of the French Convent in their School Hall on Monday afternoon. The play is to be repeated at 3.30 p.m. to-day for the benefit of school children, and again on Friday at 5.30 p.m. for the public. Tickets can be bought at the Hall door, at 50 cents each for to-day's performance, and \$1 each on Friday.

WARSHIPS HIT IN AIR ATTACK

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during these operations. H.M.S. Illustrious (Captain D. W. Boyd) was hit and received some damage and casualties. One of our cruisers, H.M.S. Southampton, was also hit and suffered casualties.

Twelve enemy aircraft at least were shot down and a further number damaged.

Object of Operation
"The main object of the operation, which was that of passing a convoy from the west to the east, was carried out according to plan. This convoy carried important material assistance for Greece."

The Illustrious was one of the ships from which the Fleet Air Arm dealt its crippling blow to the Italian Navy at Taranto. The other aircraft at the Taranto action was H.M.S. Eagle, well-known in Hongkong. The Illustrious is one of Britain's newest aircraft carriers with a displacement of 23,000 tons, and carries about 70 aircraft.

(H.M.S. Southampton is a cruiser of 9,000 tons displacement. She was launched at Clydebank in 1936).

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Objection To Income Tax In F.M.S.

A petition against the imposition of income tax in the Federated Malay States was forwarded recently to the Secretary of State for the Colonies through the High Commissioner, Sir Shenton Thomas. The petition bears the signatures of many representatives of agricultural, mining, trade, commercial, industrial and professional interests in the F.M.S., including those of public bodies of several communities. The main objections raised against the imposition of the tax, pronounced it a "miracle," Wilbank's vision permits him to read newspaper headlines.

SIGHT RETURNS After Church Revival

BOONVILLE, Mo. (UP)—G. P. Wilbanks, 73, is giving up his blind pension and applying for an old age pension. After 10 years of total blindness, he was able to see following a prayer service in the local Foursquare Gospel Church. His sight returned seven years after a physician, examining him for the blind pension, reported "no vision," he said. The Rev. Eugene Robinson, pastor of the church, pronounced it a "miracle." Wilbank's vision permits him to read newspaper headlines.

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Hitler Said To Be After New Coup

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BUDAPEST, Jan. 14 (UP).—Non-Axis diplomatic circles heard a rumour to-day that Hitler, Mussolini, General Huntziger and Admiral Darlan are meeting to-night. Some reports declared that they were meeting at Berchtesgaden.

If the rumour is true, it is believed it would indicate that the Western Mediterranean might be the scene of a big push—the French receiving demands for Bizerta in North Africa, and Toulon, as well as the French fleet.

R.A.F. STRIKE AGAIN: DESTRUCTIVE RAID ON CATANIA, IN SICILY

CAIRO, JAN. 14 (REUTER).—AT LEAST NINE AIRCRAFT, BELIEVED TO BE GERMAN JUNKER 87'S (DIVE-BOMBERS), WERE DESTROYED WHEN THE R.A.F. MADE A HEAVY RAID ON CATANIA (SICILY), ACCORDING TO A MIDDLE EAST R.A.F. COMMUNIQUE.

THE RAID OCCURRED ON THE NIGHT OF JANUARY 12-13. A SERIES OF ATTACKS WERE MADE AND VERY HEAVY DAMAGE WAS CAUSED, THE COMMUNIQUE STATES. TWO HANGARS ON THE WESTERN SIDE OF THE AERODROME WERE SET ON FIRE, ONE BEING DEMOLISHED.

Another hangar on the east side was also set ablaze. Heavy explosions occurred and a number of fires were started among the administrative buildings.

Bombs hit the main runways and the railway line along the west side of the aerodrome.

On the same night, raids were made on aerodromes at Berka and Denina. Many planes are believed to have been put out of action by bomb splinters and subsequent machine-gun attack.

On the previous night, raids were made on barracks and defences at Derna and fires were started among the barracks.

Albanian Activities

Military concentrations at Bari (Albania) were bombed on Monday and it is believed that direct hits were registered. Smoke was seen rising from the town when British aircraft left the target.

Raids were made on the night of January 12-13 on aerodromes at Asmara, Branda and Agordat in Italian East Africa while at Mal Adaga a further attack was made on Caproni workshops where a large fire was caused among the buildings.

At Tessenet on Monday a dive attack was made on motor transport concentrations and fires were started. From the operations in East Africa, all our aircraft returned safely.

NEW YORK STREET GUN DUEL

Bandits Killed Police Officer & Civilian

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

NEW YORK, Jan. 14 (UP).—Lower Fifth Avenue, one of the world's busiest shopping districts, was terrorized to-day by a gun fight in which a policeman and a civilian were shot and killed, and another civilian and a bandit were wounded. A second bandit was so badly beaten he had to be removed to hospital.

The bandits, known as the DiStefano-Brothers—obtained \$649 which was the payroll of an importing firm. In taking the money they killed Alfred Klausman, 55, the Manager.

They dashed outside where they shot and probably fatally wounded a taxi driver, Leonard Welsberg. A policeman chased one bandit and wounded him, after which the bandit shot and killed the police officer as he knelt beside him.

Police clubbed the second bandit into unconsciousness after a fight in Woolworth's five and ten cent store which was crowded with customers.

MILITARY CHIEF IN CONFERENCE

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ISTANBUL, Jan. 14 (UP).—General Sir James Marshall-Cornwall, Air Vice Marshal Elmhurst, representatives of the Middle East Command and Admiral Sir William Kelly conferred to-day at Ankara with the Turkish General Staff, including Vice Chief of Staff, Asim Gunduz.

LATEST

Greeks Repulse Italians Valona Raid

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ATHENS, Jan. 14 (UP).—The official spokesman to-day stated that Greek troops had repulsed two Italian "local counter-attacks" on an unspecified front, inflicting heavy losses and capturing four light tanks.

The official radio reports that non-combatants are evacuating Valona and Berat.

The War Ministry announced: "only limited action to-day. Some prisoners were taken."

Valona Bombed

STRUGA, Jan. 14 (UP).—Reports from the frontier state that six Greek and British planes bombed Valona this morning causing heavy damage to the northern part of the town itself, and killing six people and wounding 38.

They also bombed an Italian military camp at Kanina near Valona, killing two officers and 23 soldiers, and wounding about 50.

Object Of Menzie's London Visit No Imperial Conference

LONDON, Jan. 15 (Reuter).—"Reuter" learns in South African and Australian circles in London to-night that the forthcoming visit to London by Mr. R. G. Menzies—the first Dominion Prime Minister to visit Britain since the war—does not in any way indicate that there will be an Imperial conference of Dominion Prime Ministers.

It is emphasized by Australians that Mr. Menzies is particularly anxious to study for himself the progress of the war from the front line and that while he will have talks with Mr. Winston Churchill and other members of the British Government, these conversations will have relation only to matters principally affecting Australia's growing contribution to the general war effort.

South African circles point out that with Parliament opening soon in Cape Town there is little likelihood of General Smuts or any other prominent Cabinet member visiting London in the near future.

NAZIS THREATEN REPRISALS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

THE HAGUE, Jan. 14 (UP).—It was announced to-day that German authorities will take reprisal action for actions against the German army or the nation.

Reprisals will be taken against individuals, institutions or whole communities where any anti-German incidents occurred. The reprisals may be personal, financial or directed against business. Failure to pay fines will result in arrest by German Police.



BERLIN TOO IS BOMBED

Thanks to the work of the R.A.F., Goering has had his boast, that no bombs would ever be allowed to fall on German soil, thrown back in his teeth. Here is pictorial evidence that not only German soil, but Germany's capital, Berlin, has received visits from the R.A.F. This is a part of Berlin East hit by British bombs in a recent raid.

WARSHIPS HIT IN AIR ATTACK

Southampton and Illustrious

LONDON, Jan. 14 (Reuter).—An Admiralty communique announces that an Italian destroyer was sunk in the Sicilian Channel in the central Mediterranean on January 10.

The British destroyer Gallant was damaged by a mine or torpedo but has arrived in harbour.

Successful Night Raid

Italians Surprised

KHARTOUM, Jan. 14 (Reuter).—Taking advantage of brilliant moonlight, British troops, supported by artillery, carried out a strong night raid on prepared Italian positions in the Gallabat sector of the Sudan-Abyssinia front.

After fierce hand-to-hand fighting the British gained their objectives.

It is estimated that the Italians lost 60 killed. British casualties were very slight.

British patrols are also continuing strong pressure against Italian positions in the Kassala sector and further north.

German and Italian planes attacked British warships and the aircraft-carrier Illustrious was hit and received some damage and casualties.

The cruiser Southampton was also hit and suffered casualties.

At least 12 enemy aircraft were shot down and a number damaged.

The Communique

The Admiralty communique (which has been delayed by the censors) continues: "Our naval forces had been operating in the Central Mediterranean during the period January 7 to January 13, covering the passage of convoys through the Mediterranean. On the morning of January 10, when in the Sicilian Channel, two Italian destroyers were encountered."

"One of these, of the Spila class, was sunk but the other escaped."

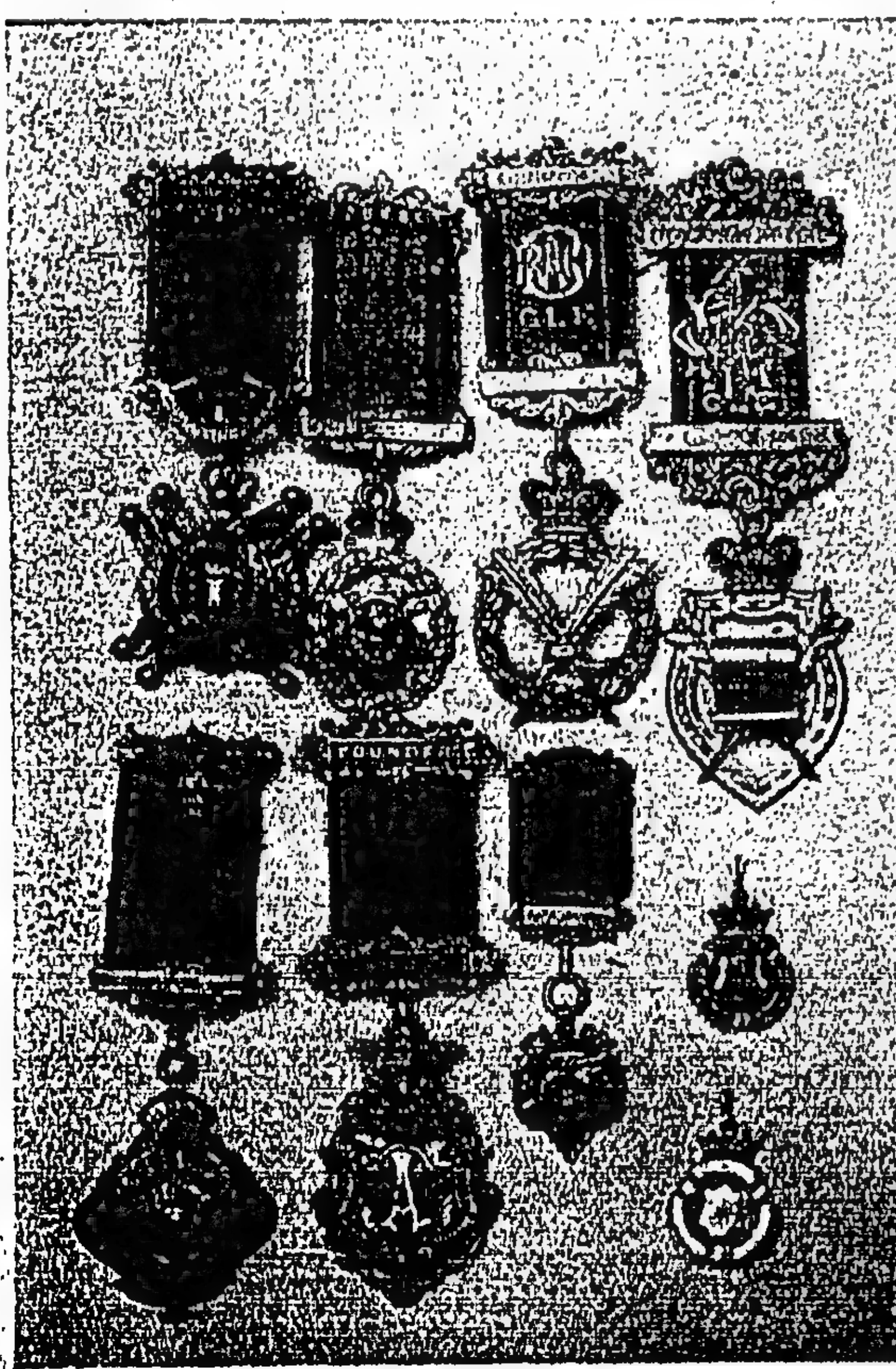
"Later H.M.S. Gallant was damaged by a mine or torpedo but has arrived in harbour."

"German and Italian air forces, working from Italian bases and including a number of dive-bombers, made great efforts against our ships."

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MEDALS FOR THE BOMBER FUND

Medallions and "Society Orders" have been donated by Mr. A. E. Manwaring for the Bomber Fund. The medals will be melted down and their values placed to the credit of the Fund.



Smuggling Into Free China

Japanese Planes Said Ready To Act

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

SHANGHAI, Jan. 15 (UP).—Well informed quarters to-day denied rumours that the Japanese had transferred several hundred planes northward from South China and Hainan during the past fortnight.

It is stated that over 250 Japanese planes are at present concentrated at Canton preparatory, it is believed, to widespread raids on Chinese smuggling routes in South China.

It is estimated that ten times more goods are reaching Free China by these smuggling routes than by the more publicised Burma Road.

Well informed quarters declare that the major Japanese striking forces, including naval units are still predominantly concentrated in South China and are in a position to move southward in the event of a favourable opportunity presenting itself, pending which it is believed an effort will be made to tighten the South China coast blockade.

Protest Against Blockade

Tightening of the blockade will inevitably bring new complaints from Japanese businessmen who have been participating in the South China smuggling business on a substantial scale. Japanese businessmen have already protested against the existing blockade on the grounds that the China Campaign is supposedly designed to foster Japanese trade in China, whereas Japan's fighting forces are apparently making every effort to curtail trade by the blockade.

Rumours that the Japanese were transferring planes to the north—before the rumours were dispelled—led to speculation whether the Japanese were taking precautions against possible large-scale shipments of American planes to China.

Among well informed circles there has been increasing speculation re-

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Nazis Will Invade Bulgaria If British Land At Salonika

Special to the "Telegraph"

TOKYO, Jan. 15 (Domei).—Mr. Momotaro Enomoto, special correspondent of the "Nichi Nichi", in the course of a radio telephonic conversation from Sofia yesterday, declared that he foresaw large-scale movements of German troops across Bulgaria if and when British forces land at Salonika, when the Royal Air Force begins bombing the Rumanian oil fields, and when the port of Valona in Albania is threatened by the Greeks.

He said that German troops, consisting of specialists, technicians and aviation ground crews "appear already to be stationed in Bulgaria", although large German forces apparently had not yet entered the country.

Bulgaria's attitude is that the passage of German troops through its territory cannot be helped, and the Sofia authorities are prepared to co-operate with the Germans if the size of the Nazi forces is "reasonable".

Rumania Concentrations

According to Mr. Enomoto, 15 German divisions are now massed in Rumania and concentrated mostly in the Barlad area but are gradually moving southward. Ponton bridges are being built across the Danube as the river is not yet frozen; the work from the Bulgarian shore is already completed, but construction is still going on on the Rumanian side.

Mr. Enomoto estimated that it would require five days for Nazi infantry to cross Bulgaria from the north to the south. He opined that Germany regards the Hain-Greek conflict as "a sideshow" to the Axis struggle against Britain, but Berlin

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Plymouth's Worst Raid

Civilians Work Heroically

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

PLYMOUTH, Jan. 14 (UP).—The three hour German raid which began just before darkness last night was the worst attack on the town during the war. A wave of 30 raiders dropped incendiary bombs. For a few minutes there were thousands of lights from blazing bombs, and then darkness.

Men, women and even young children pounced on the bombs thus saving the town from real disaster.

In one district, however, several fires were started and the next wave of raiders concentrated on that area and dropped tons of high explosive bombs. Houses and business premises were demolished and one church was gutted.

Hongkong Man Injured In Desert War

A former Hongkong resident, Mr. John Greaves, who enlisted in the Australian Imperial Force at the outbreak of war, was among the Empire troops that took part in the recent fighting in the Western Desert.

News has just been received in this Colony that he was injured in action on Christmas Eve.

Born in Shanghai, young John Greaves is the eldest son of the late Mr. Cecil K. Greaves, who was a member of the firm of A. S. Watson and Co. in the northern port for more than 30 years. He studied at the

Shanghai Public School, and played football regularly for Erin Villa and the Shanghai Recreation Club.

Coming to Hongkong in 1927, he joined the "Hongkong Daily Press" and later M. Berna and Co., and left for Australia in 1939.

Mr. Greaves has a brother, two sisters and other relations in the Colony.

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7.30 Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone) and the B.B.C. Wireless Military Band.
8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 Compositions of Edward German.

8.23 Two English Songs by Malcolm McEachern (Bass)—Up From Somerset, Devonshire Cream and Cider.
8.30 Studio—"British Dramatists" No. 6; Shaw—Talk by Father T. Ryan, S.J.

8.50 Haydn—Concerto for Trumpet and Orchestra—Andante and Rondo, George Eskdale (Trumpet) and Symphony Orchestra.
9.00 London Relay—"The News and News Commentary."
9.30 London Relay—Talk: "Democracy Marches."

9.45 Dance Music by Jack Harris and His Orchestra.
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The Inspector, 49, Pokfulam Road, 2nd Floor.
The Inspector, 82 Stone Nullah Lane, 2nd Floor.
The Inspector, 12, Sai Yung Choi St., Kowloon.

The Inspector, 52, Argyle St., Kowloon.

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South African Navy

LONDON, Jan. 14 (Reuter).—For the first time African warships are co-operating with the Royal Navy outside South African waters. A flotilla of mine-sweepers left some weeks ago to join the mine-sweepers of the Royal Navy.

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Menzie's Confident We Shall Win

LONDON, Jan. 14 (Reuter).—"I am more than ever convinced that victory of our just cause will not be long delayed," says the Australian Prime Minister, Mr. R. G. Menzie, replying to a telegram from General de Gaulle, congratulating him "on the magnificent achievement of the Australian troops at Bardia and their effective contribution to the defeat of our common enemy."

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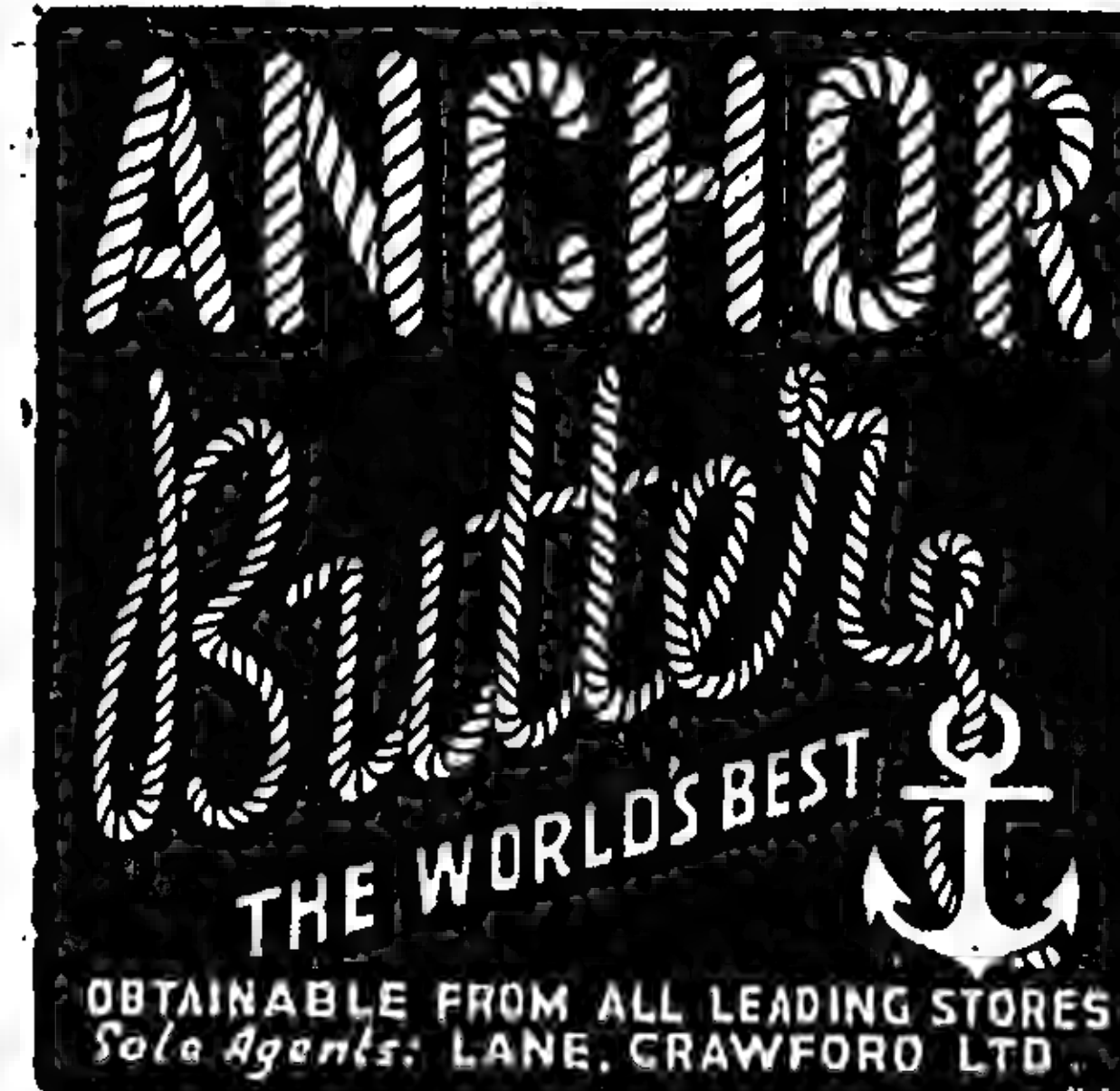
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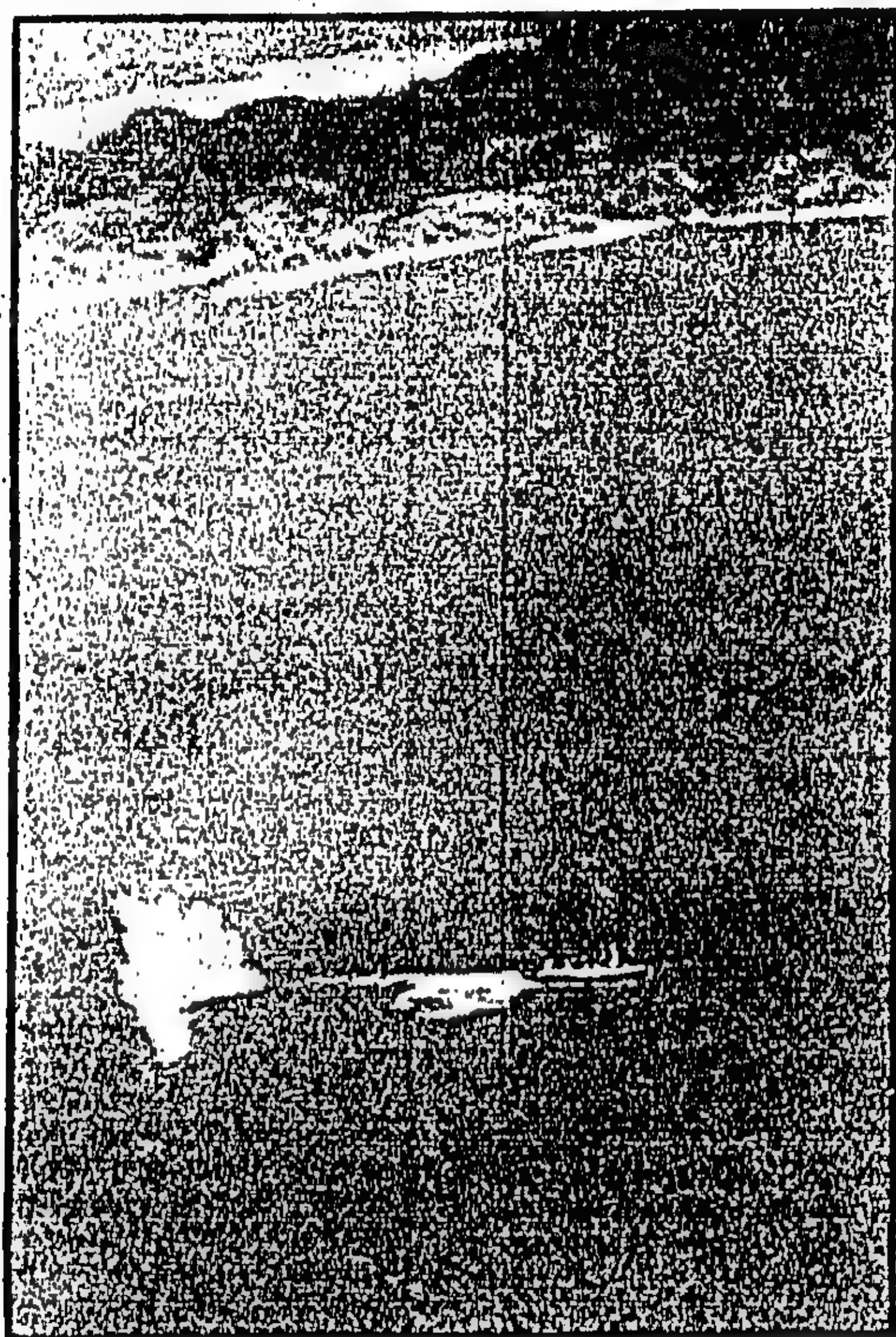
DONALD DUCK

By Walt Disney



MAGAZINE PAGE

BOMBING THE GERMANS



How Science "Reads" the Ages of Fish

TELLING the age, origin of fish and how many times they have spawned by their scales is a new technique recently developed by Dr R. A. Nesbit of the United States Fish and Wild Life Service and David H. Wallace of the Chesapeake Biological Laboratory of Solomons, Maryland.

The scales of fish show annual growth "rings" much like the annular rings in trees. Fish scales are better age indicators than teeth in horses.

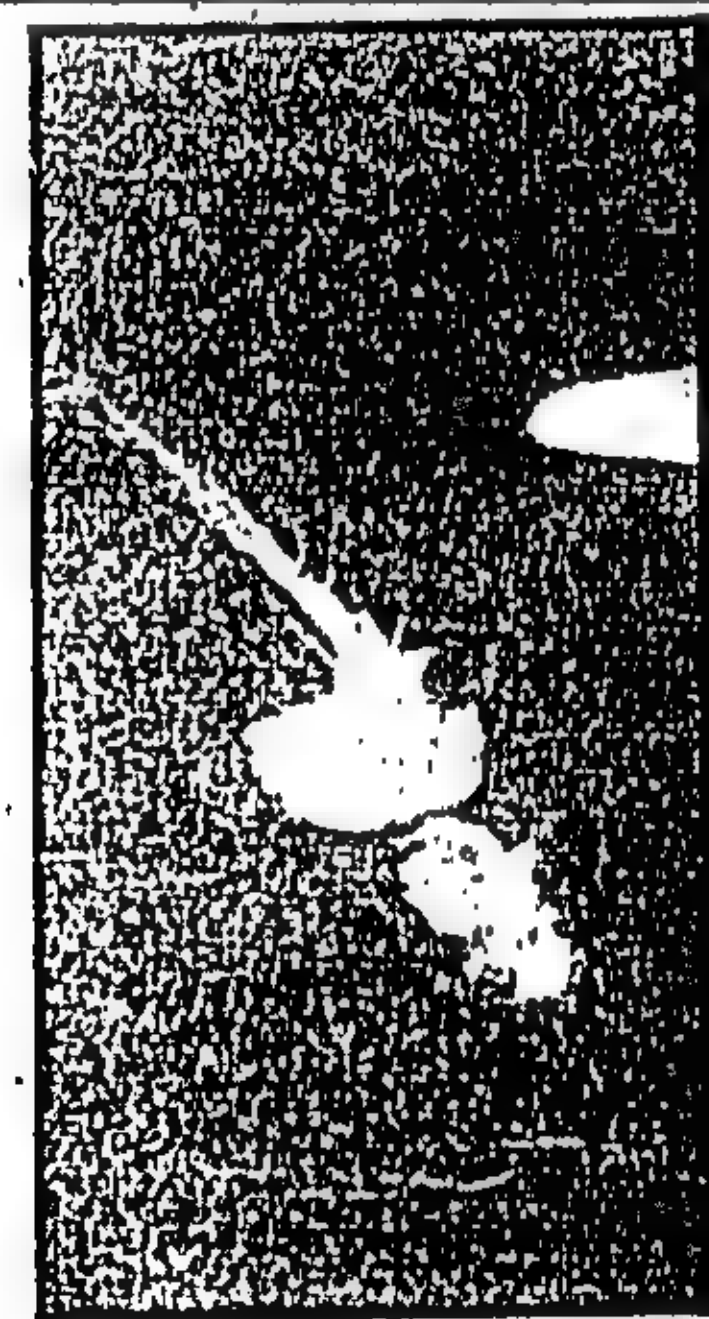
The portion of the scales shaped like an inverted "V" which lies underneath the skin reveal these "rings." They show up as blank spaces where the new scales were not laid down due to slowed growth during winter. It is necessary to use a microscope for accurate results.

Such factors as food supply, saltiness and temperature determine the scales' first-year rate of growth. Biologists can tell whether a fish was born in the Hudson River, in Chesapeake Bay, or even in what part of the Chesapeake Bay tributaries.

The fish absorbs the calcium it needs from the outer edge of the scale at each spawning. This shows up clearly in "scar tissue" in the scale "biography."

THE bombing of a Nazi 2,000-ton supply ship by Skua aircraft off the Fleet Air Arm off the Norwegian coast. The first bomb (top picture) was a "near miss" but the second (below) registered a direct hit.

When last seen the ship was listing heavily and had been abandoned by her crew.



Balloon Barrage Improved

A German bomber was brought down recently in England through being caught in a balloon barrage of improved design. The machine fouled a balloon cable.

It is not possible to give any details of this new weapon of defence, but it enables our balloons to fly at a much greater height than hitherto.

By Hannen Swaffer:

Is the Public Told Lies?

"WILL you please enlighten me as to whether the public outside London is, or is not, being gulled by the B.B.C. and the Press as to the damage being done to London and suburbs?"

The letter comes from a woman in Herne Bay. Someone has been telling her harrowing stories of the destruction of London.

THE most illuminating reply I can make is by quoting the remark made yesterday by a friend who, despite the fact that he is a violent anti-Nazi, has just been released from an internment camp, and who was surprised, when he went round the town, at the comparative smallness of the damage.

And this was after the violence of a recent night's bombardment!

"When, in a Yorkshire camp, we read the papers and heard the wireless news," he said, "we thought things were much worse than they are."

I SEE, some mornings, that a bit more of my boyhood has gone, that places I knew in my youth and in my manhood have suffered damage. The London of Wren and the London of Dickens are now, in parts, among the ruins that Hitler knocked about a bit!

The old music-hall where I last saw Marie Lloyd is now only a shell. Two theatres from which, at different times, I was barred for telling too much truth about snobbery or floundering bear the marks of bombs.

The restaurant where first I lunched with Chappaline will not seat any more hungry folk for months.

Cinemas where I have seen many films famous for their brief lives suffer serious scars. An actor's flat—we'll do I remember the grim supper-

party he gave after a big flop—is no more.

Homes of the poor and mansions of the great have suffered.

There are gaps in hundreds of roads.

But—London is still there.

NOT till yesterday did I hear of the death of a man I knew well. For weeks, others had lost relatives or friends. Mine had all survived. Then I was told of a colleague who was killed while walking into his club.

I shall hear of more—unless I go first.

We are all in the front line.

THE minor tragedies I hear about are the loss of personal possessions—the collections of years of travel or experience which, valueless to everyone else, are precious to their owners.

"All my film stars are gone," said a man yesterday.

He meant his scores of photographs gathered together during years in Hollywood.

Manuscripts have been burned by the hundred. Pictures have been smashed.

Many a man's Cavalcade of personal reminiscence has disappeared.

LONDON, in the daytime, is more or less normal. People arrive late at their offices, perhaps, a little grumpy after a bad night and then a roundabout journey.

Business goes on somehow. Sirens are almost disregarded—until nightfall.

Then, soon after the Black Out, as a rule, the Warning comes.

That means another night of it.

For half an hour or so there are still a good many people in the streets.

Then, when the guns start, they disappear, one by one. Until morning, except for occasional passers-by, the streets are almost empty.

LONDON'S just a big village now, at night," said a shopkeeper, closing just after dusk. A few taxis run during the evening. There are some omnibuses. Otherwise, almost the only traffic is a hurrying ambulance or a fire engine dashing past.

BUT the guns—and the explosions!

If you are lucky, you get to sleep while there is silence. If not, they keep you awake for hours.

Even a bomb that has fallen half a mile away seems only a few yards distant.

You hear the fall of glass—and, every hour or so, a heavy drone means the presence overhead of a Nazi plane.

At intervals for hours there are bangs and thuds, sounds of collapse, thuds underground.

THEN at long last—unless you have slept—there comes another day.

You hear of deaths in one district, ruins in another, and stories that "So-and-so has copped it," when, if you go to look, there is usually only a hole in the road.

The paradox is that while people make the worst of it when they talk of damage—that is why all the stories spread—they put on the best air they can when they face another night.

Their philosophy saves them. Their insular calm is their shield.

AS for the Heroes of the Night—and they are legion—what are we going to do about them?

An auxiliary fireman wrote yesterday: "May I, on behalf of all of us, say that we consider that it is our turn to do a job of work?" he said. "We are doing what we can. No praise is asked for."

"There is one thing, however, that we would like—pensions for our widows! Yesterday, we were asked to subscribe towards seventeen widows of A.F.S. men. The widow of one of our own chums has had to go to the Public Assistance Board.

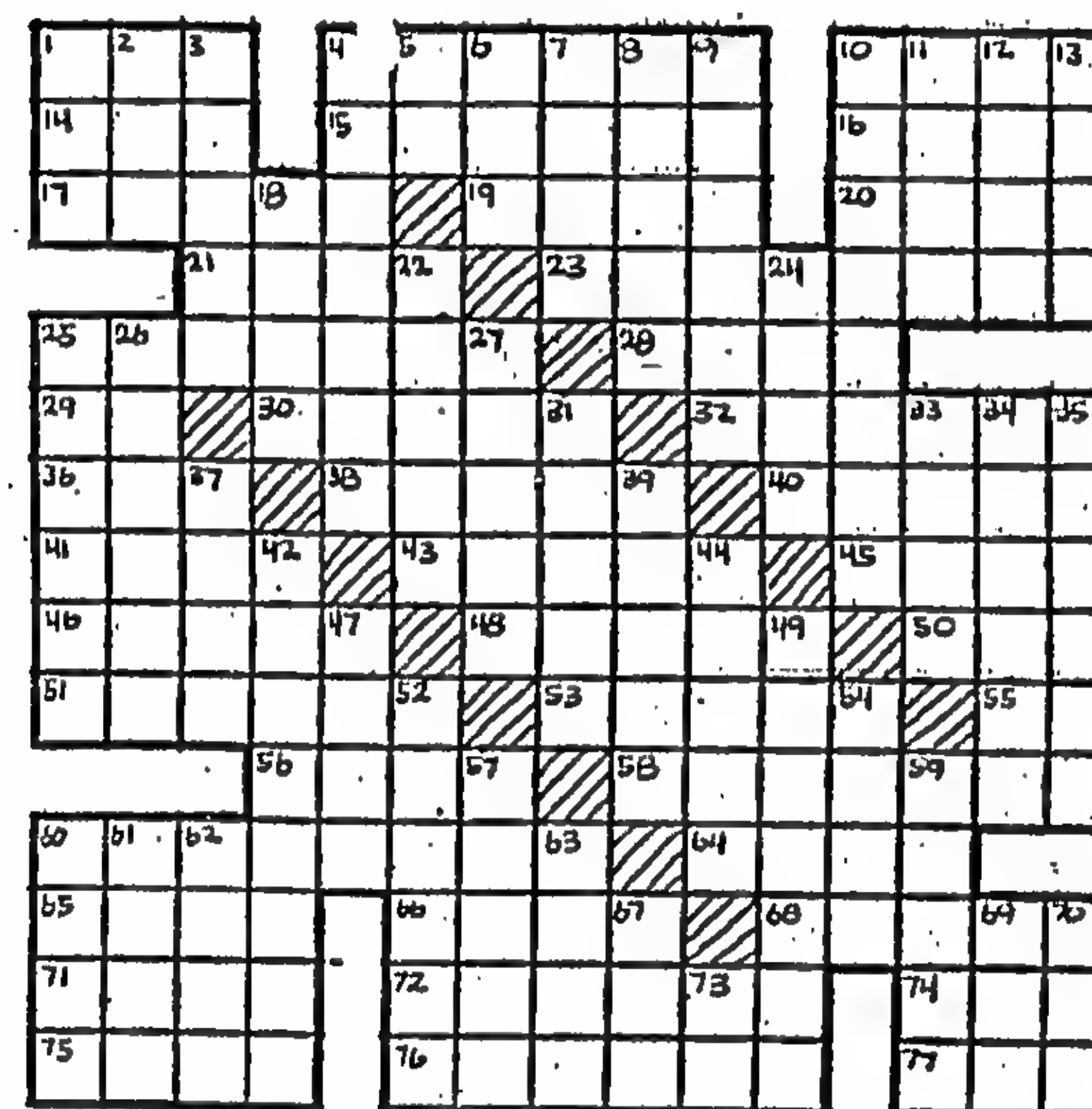
"We work 48 hours at a stretch, and then one day off—in other words, an average of 112 hours per week. But that is not half so important as the wife. Please do something and you will find us balancing on even higher bits of wall and doing the impossible with as light a heart as ever walked on a duty path."

Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS
1—Robert
4—Tends toward
10—Outer coat
12—Pain
13—Convince
16—Case for sewing
17—Instruction
18—Appointed
19—Bridges
20—Member of ancient
21—Captain of Nile boat
22—Arranged in order
23—Instruction
24—Origin of plant
25—Printer's measure
26—Very little things
28—Choice at long
29—Initial
30—Store in eddies
40—Stake laborious
41—Unclean substance
42—Kind of ship
43—Chasing
44—Iron-shaped
45—Budden outbreak
46—Prestige
47—Bird nesting eggs
48—Cascading water
49—Fall an em
50—Feature to shape
51—Distributes about
52—Attached
53—Man not accom-
panied by woman
(col.)

DOWN
1—Of little value
2—Law metal
3—Carried
4—Fixed allowance for
5—Rural outfit
6—Donkey
7—Drinking vessel
8—Milkmaid's vessel
9—Pail
10—Carry
11—Operate entry
12—Not as much
13—Created to live
14—Supports
15—Precipitate (rocks)
16—Water
17—Influence in
18—Heavy
19—Powerful nation
20—Drifts
21—Supports
22—Ratified
23—Equalized
24—Closed cars
25—Dyna-centimeters
26—Astray fellows
27—Walked freely
28—Preparation (labr.)
29—Ocean bird
30—Region of Asia
31—Those who ate
32—Carried
33—Local
34—Deserve
35—Lively
36—Strong brew
37—Kilometres of
38—Pier of glass
39—Variety of food
40—Third King of Judah
41—Very long period of
42—Time
43—Shake head up and
44—Down
45—Editor (abbr.)



For A Few Hours

on Saturday morning, 18th January, ladies will offer flags for sale in aid of the Fund to present more bombers to Britain.

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Britain's Motor Torpedo-Boats

by "Taffrail"

Fast motor torpedo-boats now figure in most of the world's navies. The naval book of reference "Jane's Fighting Ships", mentions 25 such vessels in the British Navy, with another ten due to be constructed under pre-war programmes. There are also six motor anti-submarine boats. What additional fast motor-craft may have been completed or laid down since the outbreak of war, it is impossible to say.

M.T.B. No. 102, in which I was at sea before the war, may be taken as fairly typical of the boats built by one well known firm. She is what is generally known as a "hard chine" boat, 68 feet long and built, as to skin and frames, of mahogany, with Canadian elm for timbers, hog, chine and gunwale. Her deck house and most of the deck-fittings are of stainless steel, and the fully-laden displacement is about 28 tons on a draught of 38 inches.

Driven by three eighteen-cylinder engines each of 1,000 horse

power, her fully-laden speed is over 40 knots. Like others of her class, she has two V8 engines which can be used to drive the wing shafts, and producing a speed of 8-9 knots.

The roar of the engines at full speed is like that of an aeroplane, and as the noise might give away a night attack, the auxiliary engines, noiseless outside the ship, would enable an M.T.B. to creep up to an enemy at night, to fire her torpedoes, and then to make off at full speed. The change over from the Auxiliary to main engines can be accomplished in about twenty-five seconds.

The armament consists of two 21-inch torpedo-tubes, and a number of machine-guns. Depth charges could also be fitted for work against submarines.

My trip to sea was in moderate weather, and I was struck by the seaworthiness and habitability. Even at over forty knots, with her bows lifted well out of the water,

there was very little fuss or bow-wave.

The accommodation consists of a roomy forecabin with comfortable air-cushioned lockers, a wardroom for the officers, a wireless cabin, and a small galley and lavatory. There is a small duopod mast for signalling purposes and for carrying the wireless aerial; one set of engine controls with a wheel in the deckhouse under cover, and others on deck.

Motor torpedo-boating is necessarily a young man's job, and though comparatively little has been heard of the work of British M.T.B.s since the war, it can be said that they have done arduous service in all sorts of weather with conspicuous success.

As to what the future may bring in this type of craft, one cannot predict; but M.T.B.s of 60 knots with a greatly extended range of action are by no means impossible. The first British torpedo-boat ever built, the "Lightning" of 1877 of 34 tons and 10 knots speed, was roughly the same size as some of the M.T.B.s now in the Royal Navy. The little "Lightning" was really the ancestor of all our modern torpedo-craft, including the large destroyers of to-day.



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GOOD NEWS INDEED!

WHEN "The Star", one of London's evening papers, describes the R.A.F. blitzkrieg raids on the invasion ports as being of "immense significance", as it did yesterday, there is every good reason to accept this assessment of Britain's new air offensive as being accurate. It is probably an understatement; for the significance is not so much that we are destroying Hitler's chances of attempting an invasion of England, as that our air force is now numerically strong enough to adopt and improve on Goering's Luftwaffe technique.

British bombers no longer have to carry out their raids without protection other than their own guns; they are now receiving the assistance of fighter planes, thereby adding tremendously to their striking power and effectiveness.

This has been the Luftwaffe's method ever since it took such a beating in the early mass raids on Britain, and the presence of escort fighters very largely accounts for the decreased number of invading machines brought down. Now the Nazis are to have a full dose of their own medicine, and the results can be confidently predicted.

As fighters, always at a numerical disadvantage, British and Empire aviators have proved time and again that they are superior to the Germans; as bombers our men have demonstrated that they are very much more accurate than the Huns. Given, therefore, similar conditions to those enjoyed by the Germans up to the present—escort fighter planes and masses of bombers—the battle for air supremacy is as good as won. This is not boasting; the claim is substantiated by cold and sober facts. The time appears to have arrived when Britain finds herself in the position to challenge the Germans in the air on more or less equal terms; the thought must be a frightening one for Goering's Luftwaffe. Our men have bluffed their way

Is Russia Next?

SOME of Hitler's most striking successes have been gained by doing the unforeseen and the unexpected.

He is the prime exponent of the doctrine that surprise is the most important element in the waging of war; and he always salts the ground well ahead.

It is eminently worth keeping that fact in mind when we weigh up the present situation, and being very much on the look out for a double-cross.

We have heard a great deal lately of the Axis plans for a "pincer" movement and it has been rather taken for granted that the Nazis' part in it would be a drive through Turkey and Syria to Egypt, to break Britain's control of the Mediterranean, and at the same time to deal our prestige among the coloured races a heavy blow.

That plan may, of course, be the one that Hitler intends to operate; but there is another one which has not been extensively canvassed—in itself a suspicious circumstance—and it is that, at long last, he will turn on Russia, thus realising an ambition that he has cherished for all his political lifetime.

OUT OF CONTROL

By
Robert Power

IT was once my disturbing experience to be in a car of which control was lost. Something went wrong with the steering mechanism just when we were trying to overtake a small van. When the breakdown occurred the car staggered crazily from one side of the road to the other.

For a second or two it seemed that we might hit the van, but that moved ahead as our car lost speed. The next danger was that we should overturn in a ditch; but, changing its course again, the car charged towards a bank on the opposite side, and there the driver contrived skillfully to end its mad career without hurt to either of us.

"Out of control"—the phrase has a vivid meaning for anyone who has had an experience of it, as applied to a piece of mechanism, be it an airplane, a car, or even a cycle whose brake refuses to operate at a critical moment.

My mind has been running on these unpleasant happenings, reading a line written by the Bishop of Norwich on the virtues of silence. Says the Bishop, "Once a word has been spoken, it is out of control." How seldom we think of the consequences of speech in that way! And yet the truth of the statement is beyond question.

A lawyer with exceptional experience of actions for slander and libel once told me that when a lie gets a start, no explanation or apology can ever overtake it. In some places the lie will take root, and the correction will never be heard or read.

No sane person would dream of uttering a reckless or malicious statement into the microphone that serves a broadcasting system. Yet the word spoken loosely on a village green, at a tea table, or on a street corner, may travel in much the same way as a wireless talk, being passed on from one to another. You cannot tell how far it will reach, or how it may be distorted in the telling.

Were we to brood upon the dangers of the spoken word, we might, from fear, become silent and unsociable. The safeguard is so to control the tongue that you acquire a reputation for speakings of things with discretion, and of persons with charity; and thus the word that goes crashing out of control can never be attributed to you.

to victory against fantastic odds; within a few weeks we can expect them to have reduced those odds to negligibility and thus to consolidate their earlier achievements. As day succeeds day, Hitler's prospects of invading England become dimmer; his buses have long been taking an awful battering; now his troops are being bombed out of existence. Britain, the Empire, and the rest of the Democracies can take renewed heart in the knowledge that the air war is steadily going against the Nazis.

By Candidus

There is definite evidence to support that possibility. First, there is Mein Kampf.

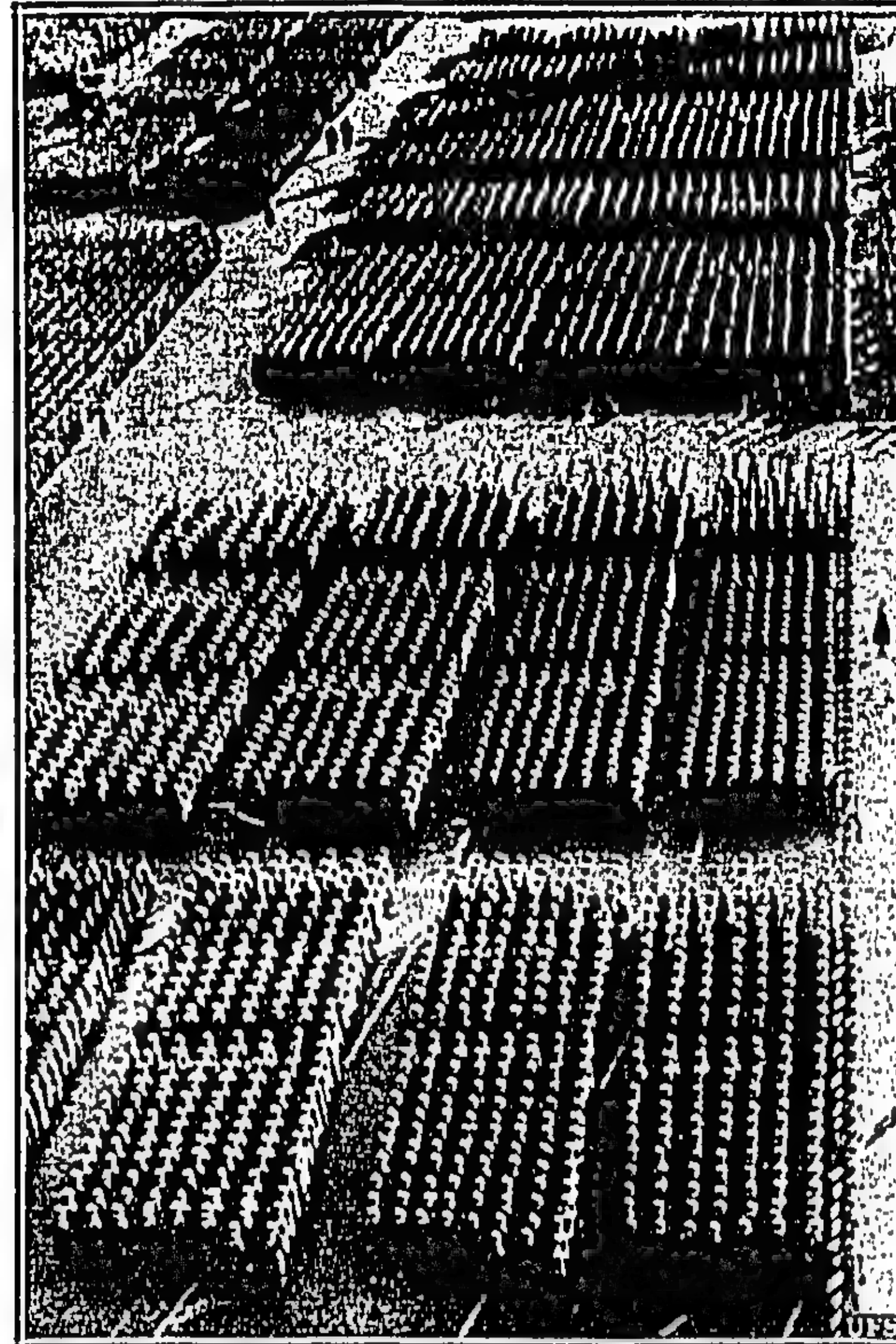
A very significant passage in the Nazi Bible is that in which Hitler asserts that the Bolsheviks have no idea of forming an honourable alliance or of remaining true to it if they did. (That observation is

why Hitler should turn his legions against the U.S.S.R., and one reason that towers over all the rest—the Ukraine.

The Ukraine is a land that drips with riches and fatness; it would provide Hitler with virtually all he wants, both for his military adventures and the purposes of peace.

In the foregoing connection the Istanbul correspondent to "The Times" writes:—

"Falling a break-through to the East, there is an alternative open to the Axis—the conquest of part of Russia. That would provide the sources of materials and food-stuffs necessary for a long war



RUSSIANS IN MASS—Impressive view of Russians in mass, as thousands of troops passed through Red Square, Moscow, in observance of 23rd anniversary of October Socialist revolution.

embedded in a long diatribe against Russia and its rulers.) Its significance now lies in the implicit criticism it makes of the Russo-German Pact. Mein Kampf was written years ago, but we have had ample proof that Hitler seldom changes his main beliefs.

An incident of very recent date seems to give colour to the likelihood that Stalin also does not consider that the Russo-German Pact is either strong or durable.

An obviously inspired article recently which speculated on the form that the "coming" revolution in Germany would assume, and gloats over the prospect. Are the two strange bed-fellows—there has been none stranger in history—beginning to quarrel about the blankets and the sheets?

Apart from his deep hatred of Bolshevism, there are many reasons they are irresistible.

against Great Britain and the United States, and it would also remove the potential Russian menace to the flank of a German advance in the Near East. Some well-informed circles in Turkey firmly believe that this idea was behind the conclusion of the German-Italian-Japanese alliance. A curious story has now reached Istanbul, from sources believed to be reliable, that the German Air Ministry has ordered from two Czech companies 3,000 pairs of skis for fitting to the undercarriages of aircraft. Aircraft do not require skis for making winning landings in Great Britain or Turkey, but it is not difficult to guess where skis would be useful.

Inclination, therefore, joins hands with advantage, and in combination they are irresistible.

New U.S. Bomber: Britain Will Buy All Made

By Robert Waithman

YOU may be hearing soon, and before long you may be seeing, a new plane that is being made for us in one of the largest aeroplane plants in the United States.

It will be called the Baltimore Bomber, British air experts in America think enough of it to have placed with the Glenn L. Martin Company of Baltimore a strangely-worded contract.

We have agreed to buy all planes of this type Martins can make between now and the end of 1941.

Details of production plans are confined to the announcement that the planes will be turned out "in volume," that engineering work is virtually complete, and that production will start "shortly."

Factor, Deadlier

But the facts are available on a bomber which the Martin Company has been and still is making for Britain, and it may be reasonable to guess that the new Baltimore Bomber will turn out to be fast, and a more deadly version of this already fast and deadly plane. The Martin Company began large-scale production in 1939 of a machine

called the 107 F, which was meant to combine the best features of both attack plane and bomber and to give high performance at both low and high altitudes. By early spring last year Martins were turning out three of these planes a day—for the French. The machines that are now being produced for us are called 167B4. They weigh 8½ tons, have a wing spread of over 60 ft.

Bad News For Berlin

Another piece of bad news for Hitler is that out in Burbank, California, a vast new factory of the Vega company—a Lockheed subsidiary—is working on another new twin-engined bomber, the Lockheed Vega 37, which is bigger and faster than the Lockheed Hudson that has served us so well and which has striking new devices to give it greater offensive power and greater immunity from attack. We have placed an order for £2,000,000 worth of these new bombers.

French Ship Held In New York

A writ of attachment is holding the French steamer Fort de France in New York pending trial of a libel action for \$145,000 damages which the British Government says it sustained by the alleged "conversion" of a cargo by another French ship. The action claims that the British Ministry of Supply shipped 1,000 tons of spelt—a form of zinc—aboard the French freighter San Jose from Vancouver for Le Havre early last June. Subsequently, the plaintiff contends, the San Jose "converted" the cargo, by putting into Casablanca, Morocco, instead of Le Havre.

One or Two Things About JAPAN

If war comes in the Pacific, how well is Japan prepared to fight it out, is the question on the lips of every Japanese these days. The Nipponese realise that Japan's fourth year of the China incident may turn out to be the first year of a struggle for the supremacy in the Pacific, according to the information service, "Business Week."

Japan's self-sufficiency in foodstuffs has been impaired by growing lack of labour, fertilisers, fuel and machinery, continues the service. Output of rice, the most important food staple, has declined every year since the outbreak of the China incident, from 19,000,000 tons in 1937-38 to 17,100,000 tons in 1939-40. The 1940-41 crop is expected to fall short of last year's by more than eight per cent.

The composite Japanese index of mining and manufacturing production for the first five months of 1940 (all that are available) has consistently lagged behind the corresponding figures of last year.

Increase in Labour Force

Japan's industrial labour force has swelled 32 per cent since the outbreak of the China incident in July, 1937. In some of the defence industries the increase has been much larger; 131 per cent in the machinery and tool industry, 79 per cent in the vehicle, aircraft, and shipbuilding industry, and 56 per cent in the metal industry. The Government figures also reveal the strange fact that workmen in these supposedly high-gear defence industries work less man-hours a month now than they did three years ago, probably because there is not enough raw material, fuel, and electric power to keep the productive machinery going at full blast.

No information regarding stocks of raw materials is available beyond vague official statements that the stock position is "by no means serious." But despite the slow supply of raw materials to industrial plants and the decreasing volume of railroad shipments, there are many reasons to support the belief that Japan still has a considerable stockpile of industrial raw materials, built up probably at the sacrifice of immediate defence requirements.

Adverse Trade Balance

Japan's international balance of payments has grown increasingly adverse since 1937, mainly as a result of heavy raw-material imports from the Western Hemisphere and the British Empire and mounting shipments of manufactured goods to the (and China) which does not provide foreign exchange.

During the first six months of 1940, Japan ran up an adverse trade balance of 461,000,000 yen in transactions with countries other than Manchukuo and China, as compared with 894,000,000 yen for the like period of 1939 and 1938. In the process, Japan sacrificed nearly all of her negotiable gold reserves.

In the event of a war pitting the United States, Great Britain, the Netherlands, and China against Japan, Tokyo's economic "Lebensraum" would undergo a drastic curtailment. Assuming a successful Japanese thrust into the Philippine Islands and Dutch East Indies, and complete mastery of French Indo-China, Japan would be able to draw for war materials on these three territories, besides China, Manchukuo, Soviet Russia, and, to some very small extent, Germany and Italy. The entire Western Hemisphere, Asia west of Singapore, and Oceania would most likely be inaccessible to Japanese merchantmen.

DAMAGE DONE AT TARANTO: OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPHS

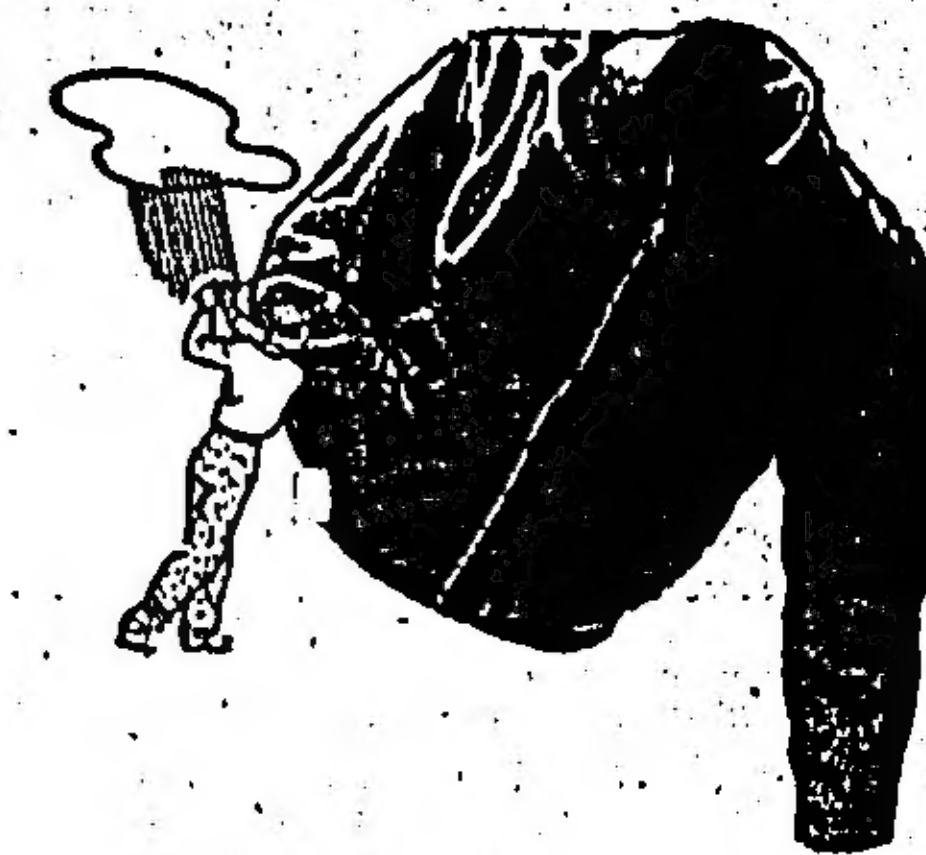
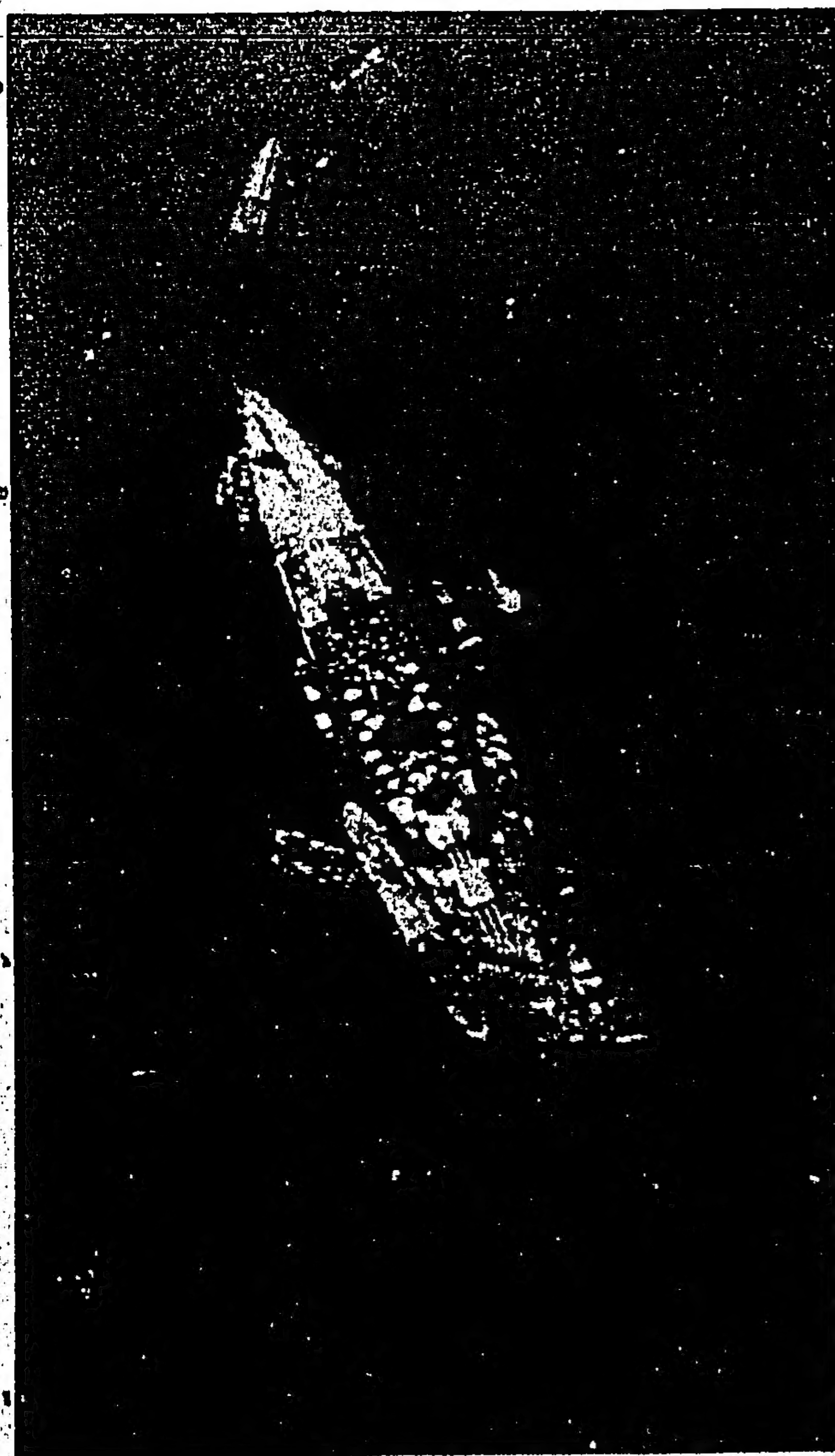
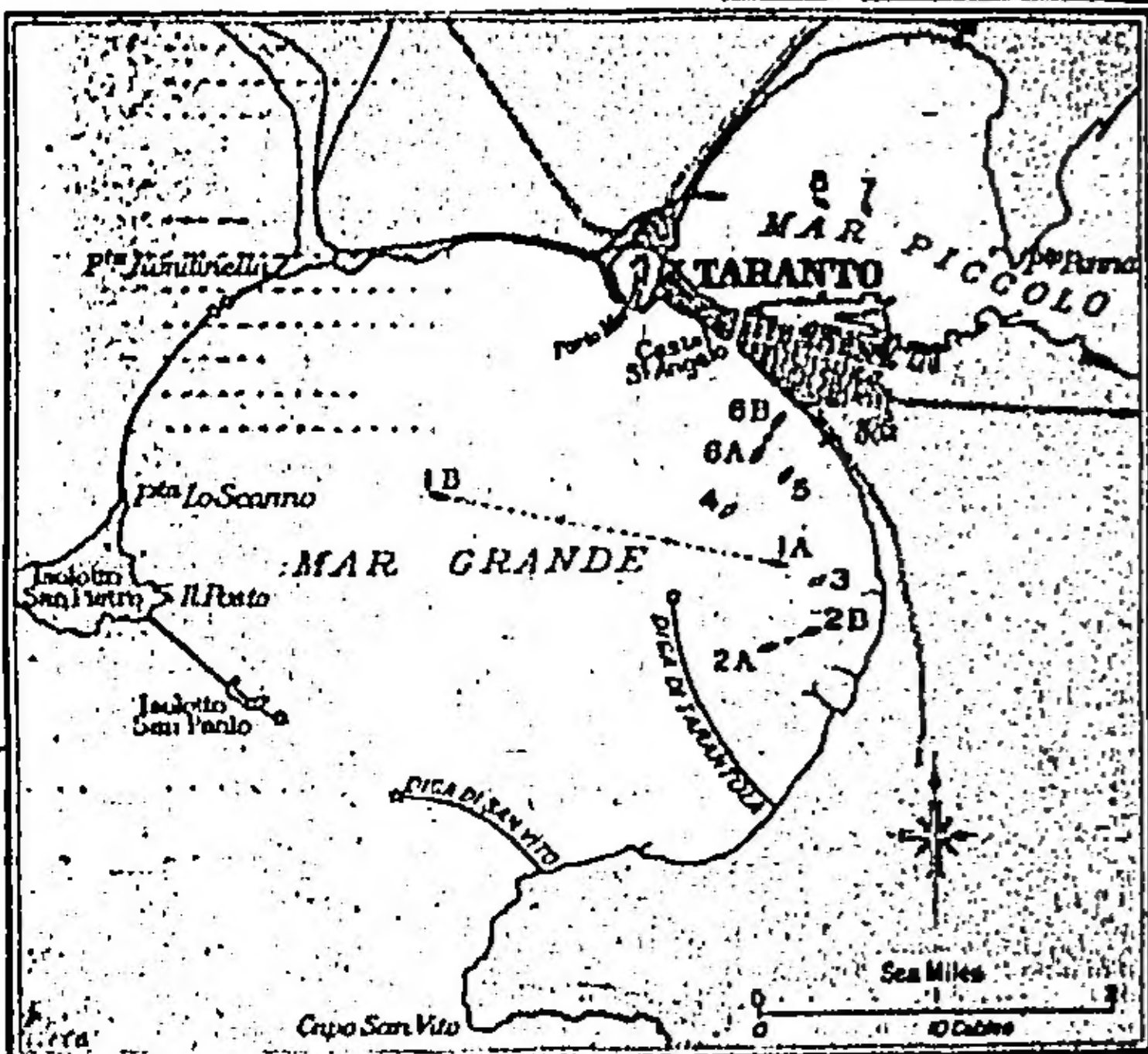
The three photographs on this page were taken on reconnaissance by the Royal Air Force after the crippling attack on the Italian fleet at Taranto by the Fleet Air Arm on the night of November 11/12 last.

A better appreciation of the pictures may be gained if a glance is given first to the map below, which shows the position of the Italian battleships before the attack (A) and the positions to which they were towed afterwards (B). Figures 3, 4 and 5 are undamaged battleships. Two cruisers which were also damaged are shown (7 and 8).

Top picture shows a Cavour class battleship down by the bows and beached on the northeast shore of the outer harbour. (Nos. 6A and 6B on map).

The lower left-hand picture shows a 35,000-ton battleship of the Littorio class badly down by the bows in the merchant anchorage in the middle of the outer harbour. Salvage ships and tugs are alongside, with oil on the water. (No. 1A and 1B on map).

Lower right-hand picture shows a 23,022-ton battleship of the Cavour class beached on the east shore of the outer harbour. There is a heavy list to starboard, with the whole of the starboard side submerged. The stern is completely submerged aft of rear gun turrets. There is oil on the water. On the right, another battleship of the Cavour class.



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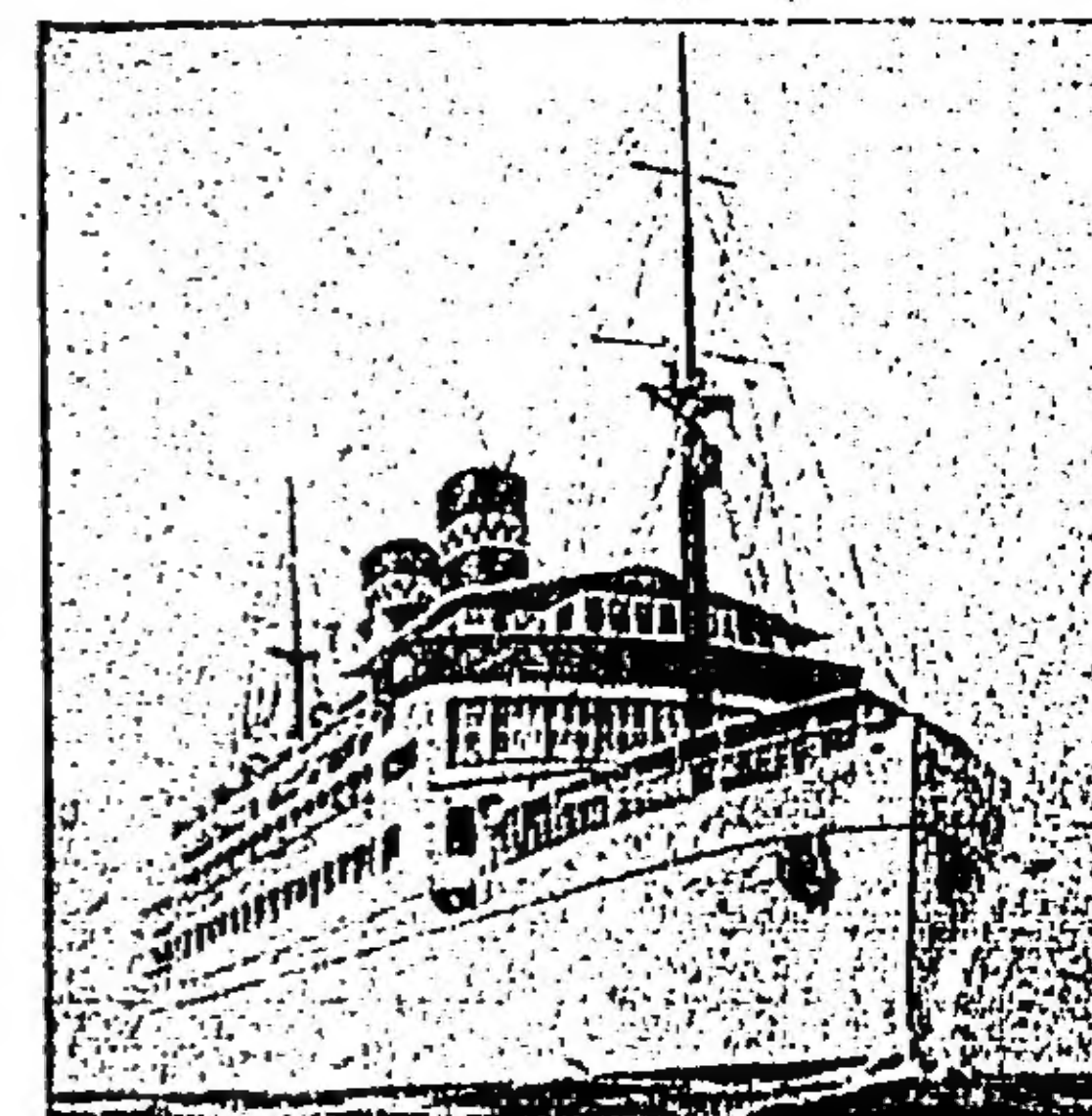
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Around The Courses SOLUTION TO HANDICAP PROBLEM

Assiduous Practice By Which Professionals Maintain Standard Grooving The Swing

(By "Birdie")

THE BEASTLY WEATHER of the past week-end upset most of the golf competitions that were to be played. A few of the hardier souls braved the elements and went around, but everything was far from pleasant.

The Captain's Cup competition of the Country Club was postponed one week, as were the first round matches of the men's Foursomes.

Incidentally, with regard to these Captain's Cup competitions, there arose an interesting question on handicaps. Some were of the opinion that a player played through the whole competition at the handicap with which he qualified, while others held that he should play in the match-play stages at his then handicap.

To most people it seems obviously most fair that the latter should be the course to adopt, for in a competition such as the Captain's Cup the Qualifying Rounds extend over several months—usually six at least—and there is every likelihood that a player would reduce his handicap between the time of qualifying and the time for playing the matches.

The Royal Hongkong Golf Club, I understand, have ruled that a player in the match-play stages of the Captain's Cup plays at his handicap at the time of the draw for the first round. This, too, I believe is the procedure at the Kowloon Golf Club, and it has been adopted at the Country Club.

Peculiarly, the problem had never arisen before at the Country Club, and the Committee had recently to make a ruling on the matter.

TWO matches in the Captain's Cup were played off at Sheungshui, T. Y. C. Lee (10) beat E. J. M. Churn (13) 3 and 1, while A. W. Ramsey (8) beat W. C. Hung (13) 4 and 3.

The final of the women's Championship was held over until the coming week-end. Miss A. Sequeira and Mrs. F. E. A. Remedios met again—their last match being in the final of the Ladies Cup which was won by the former on the 19th.

THE prodigious amount of practice that goes into the making of a professional golfer formed the subject of a very interesting article I read recently. Practice does not mean par-

ticipation in as many tournaments as possible, but the grooving of a swing by repeated shots off a practice tee.

There is not one of the American professionals to-day, it seems, who does not spend more time on the practice pitch than on the course. They even go as far as playing a whole round before starting on a championship match (match play, of course).

They get to the practice area, drop their bag of balls on to the ground and try every club in their bags. Then they wander to the putting green and try sinking them from all angles.

Following the recent Amateur Open Tournament at Scranton, Pennsylvania, Sam Sneed left the 18th green after his first round match and went straight to the practice ground where he went at the ball for two and a half hours—correcting what he thought was wrong with his swing.

He had just shot a 5-under-par 65, too!

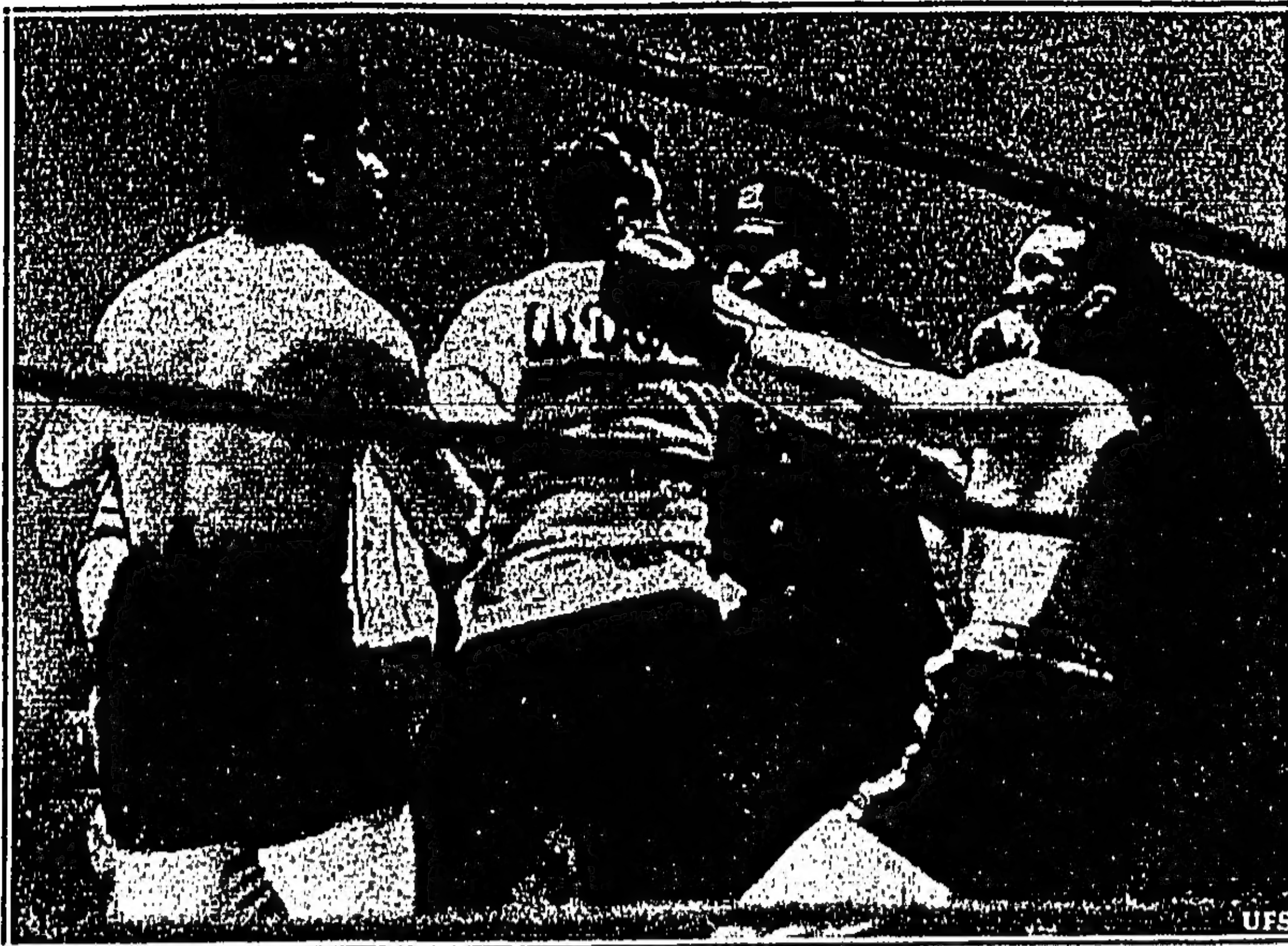
Dick Chapman, winner of the 1940 U.S. National Amateur Championship prepared for the tournament some months ahead of time. The venue was the Winged Foot Golf Club, N.Y., and Chapman joined the Club several months before the tournament to familiarise himself with the course.

His victory, incidentally, was by the widest margin since 1895. Duff McCullough of Philadelphia, lost eight of the last nine holes to be beaten 11 and 9 in the 36-hole final.

This is the stuff of which present day champions are made. The standards are so high—made so by modern clubs and balls—that only with the most assiduous practice and by the utmost cold concentration in matches do the top-notchers hope to survive in the top tournaments.

AT the entrance to a South-west London Golf Course there is a black-board on which is this notice:

"Will members please pick up any shrapnel on the course. It might damage the mowing machine."



RING BRAWL.—A Policeman has to restrain angry, pain-wracked Fritz Zivic, right, welterweight champion, from taking a punch at Al Davis, after the referee had stopped the New York bout. Davis was disqualified on fouls.

Boxing

Greek Wins Light-Heavy Championship

Salica Retains Title

NEW YORK, Jan. 14 (Reuter).—Antoine Christoforides, 23-year-old Greek, became light-heavyweight champion of the world at Cleveland to-day when he outpointed Mello Bettina, of New York, a former champion, in a 15-round bout for the title, which was declared vacant by the National Boxing Association recently.

The Greek gained a well earned unanimous decision.

Challenged Defeated

In Philadelphia, Lou Salica, of Brooklyn, won the world bantamweight championship, by outpointing Tommy Fort, a local youngster, in 15 rounds. Salica, whose left eye was closed in the sixth, fought a savage finish and narrowly gained the verdict.

Billiards

Volunteers Win Soldiers' Club Tournament

Medical Corps Annex Challenge Cups

THE FINAL of the Soldiers' Club billiards tournament last night resulted in Volunteers defeating Signals 1,600 to 798.

Allen, 133, Pitcher 136, Langley 46, Brakenbury 72, Hutchinson 136, Lilley 107, Pearson 64, Blount 110. Total 764. Hickman 200, Silva 200, J. D. Hernandez 200, Sequeira 200, Pereira 200, Baptista 200. Total 1,000.

The best break was 55 by Hickman. Pereira scored 27, 26, 20 and 36 and Baptista had three breaks over 20.

Challenge Cup Final

For the third year in succession, R.A.M.C. won the Garrison Challenge Cup this year, by beating Military Police 783 to 642 points at the Soldiers' Club on Monday.

The winning team comprised Dixon, Terran, Wyre, Harvey, Whybro and Howe. The losers were Willis, 136, Whitton, Thomson, Tegarty and Clift. The winners won four of six games.

"Y" Beat Customs

At the European Y.M.C.A. last night, the home team beat Chinese Maritime Customs 850 to 528. Chiu Sze-po won the only game for the Chinese Customs team, beating de Caster 150 to 100.

The Y.M.C.A. team comprised Jones, Eager, Sykes, Champelover, Ingloby and de Caster. The Customs team was Kemp, Cheuk, Sul-nan, Ogden, Tang Mui-ying, Whitmore and Chiu Sze-po.

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Basketball

Women's Open League Starts On Feb. 8

"Y" Court Enlarged To Accommodate Spectators

THE HONGKONG Women's Open Basketball League under the sponsorship of the Kowloon Chinese Y.M.C.A. will open their schedule of matches on February 8.

Physical instruction director, Mr. Sek Chen-tack states that entries will be received between January 21 and 31, at the Club-house in Waterloo Road.

Many of the Colony's leading quintettes are expected to enter, including South China A.A., Fong Lam Girls' School and the South Seas Girls' Academy.

There is a possibility that the Canadian Chinese softballers will enter an aggregation, together with a team composed of Portuguese girls.

Cup For Competition

DR. C. T. Wang, former Chinese Ambassador to Washington, has presented a real classy cup for competition, and will also act as one of the honorary patrons of the League.

The basketball court of the "Y" has been enlarged to the standard university size, and new stands have been erected to accommodate spectators.

Gunners' Rugby Team

The following will represent Artillery against Club A in a rugby match to-day on the Club ground at 4.45 p.m.—Lieut. Lomas, Morrill, Lieut. P. A. Pearce, Capt. Skelwith, Richards, Capt. Hook, Lieut. Wedderburn, Lieut. Smith, Lieut. Delderfield, Evans, Cooke, McDermott, Turner, Lieut. Banner, Hicks, Reserve, Gar Keeble.

Both Army Large Unit matches scheduled for yesterday were postponed.

Exiled Free Frenchmen Will Live To Conquer

LONDON, Jan. 14 (Reuter).—The remarkable growth of pro-British sentiment in France to-day was the text of a broadcast by Mr. Alfred Duff Cooper, Minister of Information, this evening.

He spoke of evidence from sources of "absolute accuracy," that in France despair had given place to hope, resentment to reason. People there saw that the only hope for the future of a France free and independent was a British victory.

Mr. Duff Cooper told of a French boy who built an aeroplane in a cowshed and on a stormy day when few German aircraft were about, took off and landed safely in England. He was now fighting for the cause of the Allies in the Free French Force. This boy, said Mr. Duff Cooper, was able to give effect to the desire latent in the hearts of millions of brave Frenchmen to-day who only awaited

Wet Weather Softball

Canuckettes In Line For Second League Pennant

Cardinals Blitzkrieged

By "Ball Fan"

WITHERING RAINS which put in its belated appearance last Sunday forced a postponement of all but three games, scheduled in Hongkong's softball leagues.

However, besides the damp, inclement weather, fans were treated to a real shower of basehits dished out by the Maple Leaf lassies as they overwhelmed sailor Dixie Walker's chug-chugging Redbirds.

Ella Chinn's Chung Hwa Maroons played true to form, keeping ahead "down-under," with a 14-5 defeat by Baby Panthers. In the Junior loop Cosmopolitans tamed South China 12-7.

The sparks that the Canadian-Chinese cuties have been giving off as they sizzle in their steady dash toward their second straight pennant, turned into red-hot conflagration, on there in the ball park Sunday as they played masterful ball to whip Dixie Walker's Red-legged Cardinals into line, to the tune of 14-1.

Behind the steady hurling of ace Mary Ng, who rattled Walker's wandering willow-heavers to two measly hits, the defending champions looked every inch like softball royalty as they blitzkrieged lanky Redbird Zimmerman from the mound in the fourth frame with a barrage of timely basehits.

Lone Tally

THE Cards scored their lone tally in the first stanza when Betty Clarke, stylist first sacker, rounded the bags and came home as a result of a wild peg by Mabel Bunn, Alice Mar, with three hits in four trips to the plate and Ullan Khoo with a circuit clout and two singles, led the power bulwark of the champs in their ninth win of the season.

Playing in a continual drizzle, the Baby Panthers retained their hold in the first division of the girls major league by subduing Ella Chinn's Maroons, scoring seven runs in the third frame to clinch the issue. However, the Chung Hwa lassies celebrated what amounted to almost a minor miracle at the ball park when they led the Baby Panthers 2-1 at the end of the first inning.

Surprise Start

PLAGUED all season by a weak mound staff and labeled as just about the weakest lineup ever to appear in local organized ball, the Chinese belles started off in surprising fashion, but quickly reverted to their normal routine of issuing passed balls and free walks, finishing as usual, at the short end of the scoring, after the final round-up. May Chung, hard hitting shortstop, playing in her farewell game prior to leaving for Oakland, California next week, made two of the losers three basehits.

Rookie slab artist Fungie Law, drafted up to the majors from the

League Standing

GIRLS			
	W.	L.	P.C.
Canadian-Chinese	9	0	1.000
Wildcats	7	1	.875
Wahioos	8	2	.800
Baby Panthers	0	4	.000
Cardinals	4	6	.400
Recrelo	3	7	.300
Las Florinas	1	8	.111
Chung Hwa Maroons	0	10	.000
MEN			
	W.	L.	P.C.
Hong Kong Baseball Club	7	2	.777
St. Joseph's	7	2	.777
Indians	6	3	.667
Cyclones	0	4	.000
Recrelo	4	3	.571
Chinese Baseball Club	4	4	.500
Filipinos	1	7	.125
Canadian-Chinese	0	9	.000
Second Division			
	W.	L.	P.C.
Chung Hwa	7	0	1.000
V. R. C.	5	1	.833
R. A. F.	5	2	.714
Recrelo B.	5	3	.625
Cosmopolitans	5	3	.625
South China	3	5	.500
Liga Portuguesa	3	3	.500
Royal Scots	2	4	.429
Royal Artillery	2	6	.250
C. B. A.	1	7	.125
Royal Engineers	0	6	.000
Inter Hong			
	W.	L.	P.C.
Hong Kong Bank	3	0	1.000
Shell	3	1	.750
Lacas	2	1	.667
Texaco	2	1	.667
Chartered Bank	2	2	.500
Greenspots	0	3	.000
Cables	0	4	.000

sticks, allowed the weak willow-holding Panthers only two hits, but issued eight passed balls and a corresponding number of free passes.

Ladies' league scores—R. H. E.

Canadian-Chinese 251240—14132

Redbird Cardinals

100000—1210

batteries: Mary Ng and Dot Louie; A. Zimmerman, Edie Babida (5) and Marie Rosa.

Chung Hwa Maroons

20201—539

Baby Panthers

1517x—1427

batteries: Fungie Law and Lily Cheung; L. Xavier and Theresa Marques.

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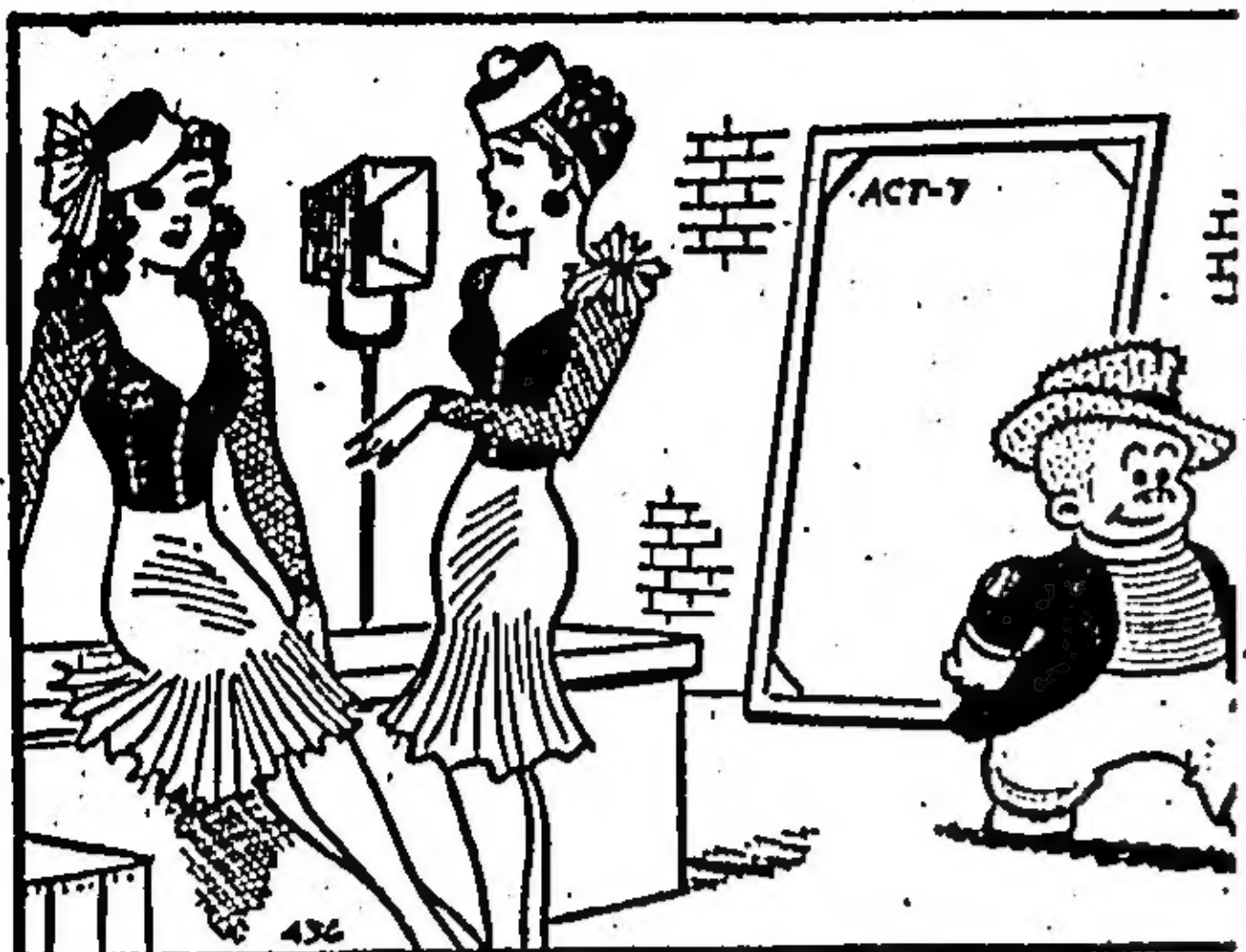
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TO - DAY AT THE KING'S

NANCY



By Ernie Bushmiller



Eire May Seek Japan's Help

To Overcome Shortages

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Jan. 13 (Dome).—Japan may soon come to the assistance of hard-pressed Eire which is suffering from a acute shortage of various commodities as the result of Germany's counter-blockade of the British Isles.

An emergency meeting of the Dail has been called for January 16 to deliberate measures to overcome the shortage caused by the German blockade as well as the decreasing imports from Britain. Gasoline supply has been so depleted that scarcely any motor-cars are found operating in the Free State, while it is believed that the shortage of tea, wheat, iron, coal, animal feed, fertiliser, and various textiles has been markedly felt.

Opportunity For Trade
Among the Japanese firms here, opinion is gaining ground that a certain amount of Japanese commodities such as Manchoukio soy beans, Japanese canned crab and salmon, and rayon and cotton goods, may be exportable to Eire.

Hitherto, Japanese products have been re-exported from Liverpool; Japan's rayon textiles exports to Ireland alone aggregated more than Yen 3,000,000 annually. Japanese believe that more than Yen 10,000,000 worth of Japanese commodities can be exported to Ireland yearly.

Since Ireland is neutral, Germany may allow Japanese vessels to put in at Irish and Irish ports and it is expected that Britain also will permit Japanese ships to call at Galway or Cork after being certified by British authorities.

Return Cargoes
However, difficulties are expected regarding return freight for Japanese ships as Ireland has few surplus goods for export but Japanese merchants point out that the ships can take on freight and passengers at Lisbon, particularly as there are many Indians, Turks, Syrians, and Egyptians seeking to return home from Europe.

Leaves For Saigon

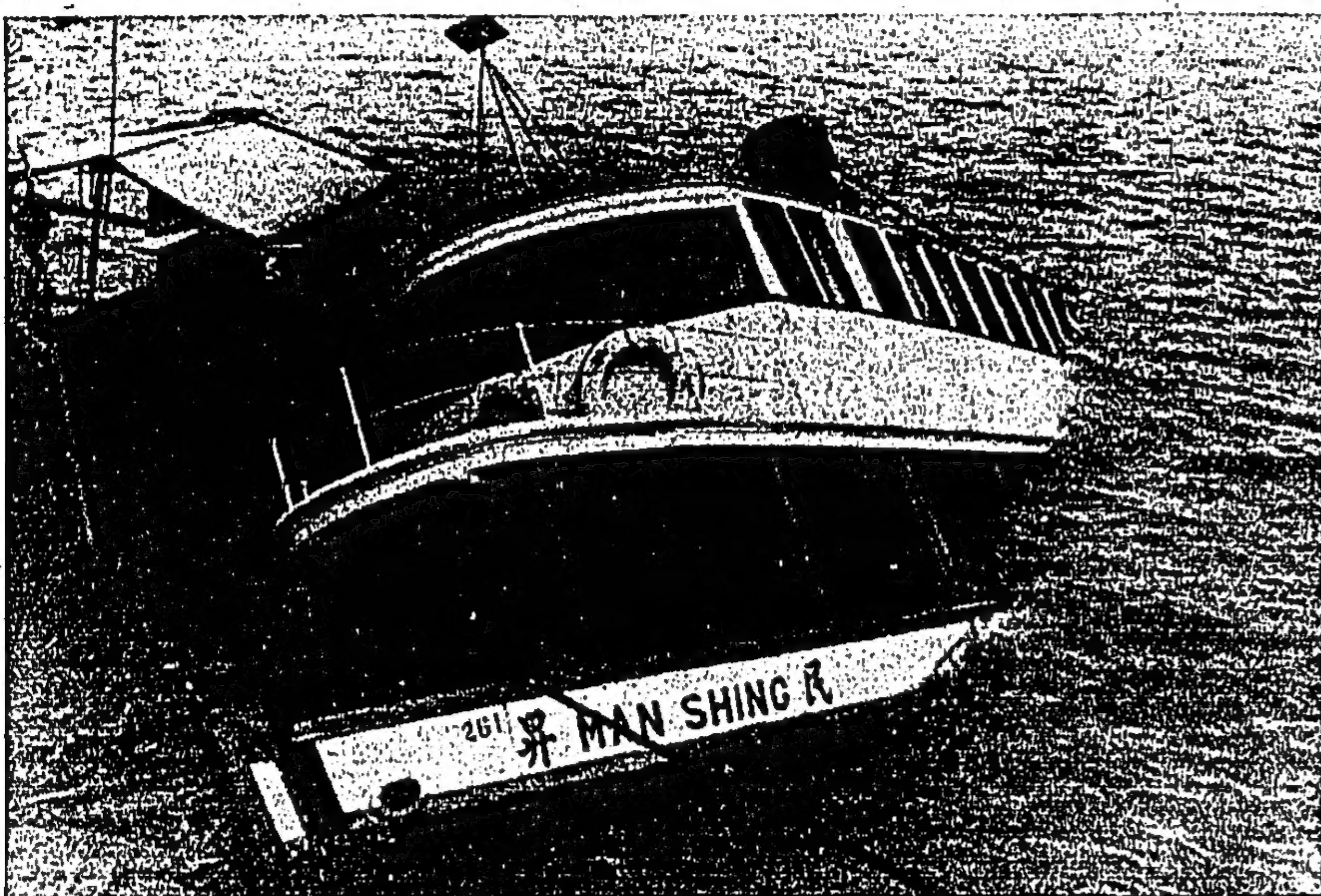
SHANGHAI, Jan. 14 (UP).—French sources declare that General Maurice Martin, Commander-in-Chief of the French forces in Indo-China, left Hanoi for Saigon to-day.

Admiral Decoux, Governor-General, recently left for Saigon for a six weeks' holiday.

No Air Activity

LONDON, Jan. 14 (Reuter).—There has been no enemy air activity over the British Isles during daylight to-day nor up to 9.30 p.m. in the evening.

FERRY SINKS IN HONGKONG HARBOUR



Two Yaumati ferries collided in the harbour yesterday and sank, fortunately without loss of life. The Man Shing, pictured here, was towed back to the island side of the harbour, but could not remain afloat.—Pictures by Ming Yuen.

War & Refugee Relief

Diamond Cutting In U.K.

LONDON, Jan. 14 (Reuter).—The first diamond to be polished in Birmingham has been presented to the Lord Mayor for war relief. The diamond, which is worth £100, was polished by refugees from Belgium and the Low Countries.

A sum of £5,000 for a spitfire has been received from the Bangalore civil and military station war fund. Up to the end of last year the British Red Cross and St. John fund had spent over £1,000,000 on food and clothing for prisoners of war while another £1,000,000 had been spent on medical requirements including £10,000 for relief in Finland. The balance then remaining was over £1,000,000.



Night Fighter Pilots Bringing Down Bombers

LONDON, Jan. 14 (Reuter).—The increasing experience of British night fighter pilots is beginning to show results. More raiding bombers are being intercepted and those that do get through are being attacked with some success, says the Air Ministry.

The number of our night fighter squadrons is steadily increasing, though necessarily slowly. Pilots must be taught a new technique of fighting, much of which is still experimental. Aircraft must be adapted and even under the most favourable conditions, the difficulties of trailing enemy bombers flying at some 250 miles an hour through the darkness are still severe.

"It is like trying to swat a wasp in a blackout room," as one pilot said. The enemy is working on similar lines. Our bombers are now encountering night fighters on their raids over Germany and several of these have been shot down.

R.A.F. More Successful
So far the night tactics of the R.A.F. have proved more successful than the enemy's because none of our night fighters has been lost in action.

The first Distinguished Flying Cross for night fighting is awarded to Flight Lieutenant John Cunningham, who shot down two enemy bombers over the south coast at a height of nearly 20,000 feet in a temperature of 50 degrees below freezing point.

STOCK EXCHANGE

Upward Trend Provides Satisfaction

LONDON, Jan. 14 (Reuter).—On the Stock Exchange, the upward trend of prices with broadening inquiries is giving cause for general satisfaction.

Gift-edged holdings were again favoured to-day while several Brazilian bonds continued their advance, but on the contrary Japanese bonds encountered offerings.

Industrial stocks attracted buying interest, especially electric equipments and building shares, while among the oil, Mexican Eagles were the most popular feature. Wall Street was steady.

Tokyo Talks: Latest Move

Retired Generals Meet

TOKYO, Jan. 14 (Reuter).—An unexpected and unusual step has been taken by the Japanese War Minister, General Tojo, to call in a dozen retired Japanese generals for a round-table conference to be held to-morrow on what the "Dome" agency calls "the present national emergency."

Practically all the Generals convoked are ex-War Ministers or ex-Premiers.

The conference will be attended by the present Chief of the Army General Staff, the Minister of Justice, the Vice-Minister of War, and the Chief of the Military Affairs Bureau.

The latter two will, says "Dome," explain the present conditions and affirm the army's determination to see the crisis through.

New Chief Whip Appointed

U.S. Business Experience

LONDON, Jan. 14 (Reuter).—The Rt Hon James Gray Stuart has been appointed Chief Whip in place of Captain David Margesson, who was recently appointed Minister for War.

Mr Stuart is a brother of Lord Moray, and his wife Lady Rachel Stuart, is a daughter of the late Duke of Devonshire.

Mr Stuart served with distinction in the Great War. He is Conservative Member of Parliament for Moray and Nairn and has been deputy for Captain Margesson since 1937. He is also the Scottish Government Whip.

For two years the new Chief Whip was in America; he is reputed to have one of the quickest brains in the House of Commons.

Mercy Ship Of Desert War

Takes Wounded To Base

("REUTER" IN THE WESTERN DESERT BATTLE AREA)

Jan. 14.—I have just had an opportunity of spending a short time aboard a hospital ship prior to its sailing. It was well filled with Italian prisoners from Bardia and with Australian, British and Rhodesian troops involved in the preliminary action around Tobruk.

These weary and wounded men will shortly begin their journey to hospital.

Their little vessel is earning for itself the title of "mercy ship of the Western Desert." Built at Newcastle-on-Tyne it is not particularly handsome and registers only 600 tons, but its draught enables it to enter tiny harbours along the Egyptian and Libyan coasts.

Regular hospital ships draw too much water to enter these harbours. This ship provides easily the most comfortable form of transport for seriously wounded men—the alternative is the bumpy ride across a hundred miles of desert in an ambulance lorry which is a severe ordeal for casualties.

Australian Doctors
Pressed into service at short notice, the little ship is now making regular trips. A team of Australian medical officers supervise the wounded on a trip which is both difficult and dangerous.

The ship will await dusk when she will slip out of the harbour with the utmost promptness in order to miss Italian bombings.

Apart from the possibility of meeting a wandering Italian submarine, any high seas make the normal routine for men not accustomed to a sea voyage very difficult.

The majority of the Imperial troops who will make the voyage are men who went through the Bardia campaign and then were wounded at Tobruk.

In Good Spirits

The less seriously wounded men move about on the deck of the ship and all are in good spirits.

Some Imperial soldiers and many Italians are more seriously hurt and they console themselves with the certain knowledge that they will receive every possible attention at the base hospitals. Many of the lightly wounded Italians are becoming more cheerful—even before the voyage starts at the prospect that the war has finished for them, but others sit silently around the deck, their sad eyes asking the question, "When will they see their native land again?"

Governors Confer

African Civil Supply Board

NAIROBI, Jan. 14 (Reuter).

The Governors of Kenya, Uganda, Tanganyika, Northern Rhodesia and Nyasaland, and the Acting Resident of Zanzibar, met in conference here to-day.

An official statement issued at the conclusion of the meeting said that they had agreed on the formation of an East African Civil Supply Board to control imports of currency, exchange and supplies for civil needs.

They also agreed on the procedure to be adopted for dealing with post-war problems on an East African basis.

Military discussions, attended by the G.O.C., were also held during the conference of East African governors.

Fire Sweeps Brooklyn

NEW YORK, Jan. 14 (Reuter).—Fire to-day swept the famous Brooklyn waterfront, threatening city buildings, warehouses and municipal offices.

Five men are known to have been killed and many injured. Some are in hospital with critical burns.

Thirty parked cars were destroyed by flames which also damaged a fire engine.

Fleeing Figures Afire
NEW YORK, Jan. 14 (Reuter).—The fire in the Brooklyn waterfront was brought under control after several hours.

Five people were burned to death and ten were injured.

The fire spread so quickly that most of the 30 employees of a factory making wooden caskets for the United States Army had to dash through the blazing structure with their clothing alight.

Antonescu Summoned To Berlin, Report

Rumanian Waters Closed

BELGRADE, Jan. 14 (Reuter).—Rumanian officials refuse to confirm or deny the report that General Ion Antonescu, the Rumanian Premier, has been summoned to Berlin.

M. Horia Sima, the Deputy Premier and head of the Iron Guard, has called meetings of his followers in all towns on January 19. Speakers will address the meetings on "the struggle of Nazi Germany and Fascist Italy for the establishment of a new European order."

Meanwhile, the Rumanian newspaper, "Curutul," sounds a note of defiance over the German plans to turn Rumania into a granary and oil reservoir at the expense of her industrial development. It says that the Legionary regime does not dream of giving up Rumanian industry but on the contrary it must be expanded.

Ban on Shipping

LONDON, Jan. 14 (Reuter).—Rumanian territorial waters have been declared a danger zone for shipping in an official communique issued by the Rumanian Navy Minister quoted by the Ankara radio.

Ships desiring to navigate in the waters of the Black Sea must obtain permission and notify the port authorities, it is stated.

No reason for this measure is given.

Hitler's Coup That Failed

Wanted Spain In War

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Jan. 14 (UP).—According to news reaching responsible British authorities, Hitler made a strong, but unsuccessful attempt to persuade Spain to enter the war on the side of the Axis Powers at the beginning of January.

It is reported that whereas the Foreign Minister, Serrano Suner was favourably inclined, the Spanish were opposed and General Franco sided with his generals.

FACILITIES FOR EVACUATION

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Jan. 14 (UP).—It is expected that the British Government will shortly make it clear to the Brazilian Embassy here, which is entrusted with Italian interests, that Britain will favourably consider any Italian request for facilities sufficient to evacuate Italian women and children from Ethiopia. However, no official British offer has yet been made.

Chungking's First Raid Of 1941
CHUNGKING, Jan. 15 (Reuter).—Chungking was raided for the first time this year yesterday when 27 Japanese aircraft rained bombs on and machine-gunned various parts of China's wartime capital.

"Life" magazine cameraman Carl Mydans and his wife Shelley had very narrow escapes as the air line was preparing to land when the raiders appeared. They managed to land and flee to safety in time.

Indian Army Gesture

LAHORE, Jan. 14 (Reuter).—Four military officers of the rank of major have been specially appointed for the purpose of looking after the welfare of families of soldiers who are abroad on active service.

A fifth officer has been appointed in Peshawar, on the North-West frontier.

CONGRESS & AID TO BRITAIN

Bill To Be Debated

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14 (Reuter).

Mr Sam Rayburn, Speaker of the House of Representatives, stated to-day that he was willing to accept "any restrictions whatever" on the Lease and Lend Bill provided that they did not interfere with the general purpose of the Bill.

Mr Sol Bloom, Chairman of the House Foreign Relations Committee, before which the Bill is coming to-morrow, said that he proposed to offer one or two amendments.

Mr Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, will be the first witness at to-morrow's hearing. He will be followed by Mr Henry Morgenthau, Secretary of the Treasury, and Mr Henry L. Stimson, Secretary for War, and on Thursday Colonel Frank Knox, Secretary of the Navy, and Mr William Knudsen, Director-General of President Roosevelt's new Supreme Defence Directorate, will testify.

Replying to questions, Mr Bloom said that he was not going to call former Ambassadors William G. Bullitt and Joseph P. Kennedy before the Committee, but he would be very pleased to arrange for Messrs Herbert Hoover, Alfred Landon, Wendell Willkie, Bullitt and Kennedy to appear if they requested to be heard.

Mr Bloom added that the request that a representative of the "America First" Committee be heard, had been granted.

Willkie Endorsement
WASHINGTON, Jan. 14 (UP).—The sharp split in the Republican attitude to the Lend-Lease programme has heightened the prospects of the early enactment of the measure. Impartial circles said to-day that Mr Willkie's endorsement of the Bill had achieved a fundamental break in the solid front of the anti-administration group.

Representative Kenneth Simpson, New York Republican, who is regarded as Mr Willkie's spokesman in Congress, announced his whole-hearted support of the basic principle of all aid to Britain. He sharply attacked the stand taken by Mr Thomas Dewey in New York and Mr Herbert Hoover.

SALVAGING FERRIES

Salvage operations on the two Hongkong and Yaumati ferries which were damaged in the collision in the harbour yesterday were started this morning.

The Man Ping, beached near the quay at Holt's Wharf, was raised by the Company's launch at 8.30 a.m. and towed to Shamshupo, where an inspection will be made to ascertain the amount of damage done.

A Kowloon Dock tug is at present working on the Man Shing, which settled in low water near the vehicular ferry wharf in Hongkong.

No passengers were injured in the accident, which occurred when the two ferries altered their course to avoid colliding with a sampan.



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WARSHIPS HIT IN AIR ATTACK

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during these operations. H.M.S. Illustrious (Captain D. V. Boyd) was hit and received some damage and casualties. One of our cruisers, H.M.S. Southampton, was also hit and suffered casualties.

"Twelve enemy aircraft at least were shot down and a further number damaged."

Object of Operation

"The main object of the operation, which was that of passing a convoy from the west to the east, was carried out according to plan. This convoy carried important material assistance for Greece."

The Illustrious was one of the ships from which the Fleet Air Arm dealt its crippling blow to the Italian Navy at Taranto. The other aircraft at the Taranto action was H.M.S. Eagle, well-known in Hongkong. The Illustrious is one of Britain's newest aircraft carriers with a displacement of 23,000 tons, and carries about 70 aircraft.

(H.M.S. Southampton is a cruiser of 9,000 tons displacement. She was launched at Clydebank in 1936).

Nazis Will Invade Bulgaria If...

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will not hesitate to take a hand should the situation develop where it begins to affect the general interests of the Axis.

Sofia Statement

SOFIA, Jan. 14 (Reuter).—The presence of German troops in Bulgaria or any diplomatic steps in this connection is officially denied in a statement issued here to-night.

The Bulgarian telegraph agency says that it is authorised to declare that no foreign troops have passed into Bulgaria and that the Bulgarian Government has made no approach to any foreign governments since no reason for such steps exists.

Another Italian German Caught

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

CAIRO, Jan. 14 (UP).—The R.A.F. announced to-day that General Argentinna, ex-Commander at Sid Barrani, and other Italian officers were captured when a British plane sighted them hiding near the water's edge last Sunday between Bardia and Tobruk.

ITALIANS IN BAD POSITION

Rome Admission

LONDON, Jan. 14 (Reuter).—Signs are growing that the Italians are beginning to see that their position in Libya and East Africa is getting worse all the time.

The Cairo communique said that in the Sudan in the neighbourhood of Kassala patrol activity is continuing.

The fact that there is nothing fresh to report from Libya may be taken to mean that British guns are still pounding away while the Imperial army musters for the final assault on Tobruk.

Empire Cut Off

Broadcasting to the Italian Empire, Rome radio yesterday said "The Empire is virtually cut off from the Mother country."

Italian East Africa in particular is almost completely cut off. Its only communication is by air but the R.A.F. is now so completely master of the air in Africa that it is highly unlikely that the odd Italian plane or two which have been keeping up communications between Libya and Eritrea by night will now venture on the dangerous journey. Writing from the Italian frontier, a special correspondent of the newspaper "Le Temps" says that for Italy the battle for North Africa is no longer for Imperial aims but is a fight to preserve a part of Italy's national territory.

R.A.F. Takes Prisoners

LONDON, Jan. 14 (Reuter).—Italian prisoners in Libya are still being rounded up and R.A.F. fighter planes are giving a hand in this work.

Flying low over the desert skimming the cliffs on the seashore at times where they spot Italians taking refuge in caves, they have on several occasions enabled quite large bands to be captured. Two days ago a Hurricane pilot saw a small party of Italian officers at the water's edge. The Navy was informed and a motorboat took them on board, the party including the commander of the Sid Barrani garrison.

Another British fighter captured 150 Italians. The pilot at first thought that the men were British but he came down low and spotted their dusty green uniforms. He let loose a burst from his guns at them and then flew around and around sighting them together. A truck load of British soldiers arrived to relieve him.

Smuggling Into Free China

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cently regarding the possibility of China launching an official offensive against the Nipponese in the American supplies long-range bombers.

China's Difficulties

It is generally believed that the Japanese at present are not likely to take any extraordinary precautions against possible Chinese raids on Japan, because it is unlikely that the Chinese air force will be greatly strengthened in the near future.

Despite American willingness to make planes available to China there remain tremendous difficulties which military observers believe will prevent any sudden increase in Chinese air power. These difficulties include providing fuel for Free China planes; secondly a shortage of trained Chinese aerial and ground crews and the difficulty of training with continuous Japanese air raids in progress on Chinese air bases; thirdly, the absence of adequate advance air bases along the unoccupied coastal areas which could be used as intermediate landings en route to Japan from the interior.

Cane For Assault On Women

"I regret the inadequacy of the corporal punishment but that is all you are fit for," said the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, at the Criminal Sessions this morning, of four Chinese defendants.

Chan Pui, 21, Tsui Chol, 24, and Ko Shun, 28, all unemployed, pleaded guilty to a charge of assault with intent to rob and were sentenced to receive 12 strokes of the cane. Chan and Ko were also sentenced to 12 months' hard labour and Tsui to 18 months' hard labour.

"It was stated in the Lower Court proceedings that the three men assaulted an amah named Li Shui and her friend, Ho Po, in Kennedy Road, near Macdonnell Road, on December 22, with the intention of robbing them. An alarm was raised and near Flagstaff House, the first and second accused were arrested by Pte Henry Moyes, of the Royal Scots, and a gardener. Third accused, managed to escape but was later arrested in Wanchai.

First accused had one previous conviction, the second had four and the third had two. The reason why the second accused received a heavier sentence was because he was only recently bound over on a charge of larceny.

CONCERT FOR THE SERVICES

A variety concert for the services will be given at the Seamen's Institute, Gloucester Road, at 8 p.m. to-night. Among the entertainers who will be taking part are many members of the cast of the revue "Functy," which was recently successfully staged for charity, including Nellie Field, Maude Mather, Lee Gibson, David Kossick, John Gilchrist, "Mysto the Memory Man" and Doris Shields.

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Dr Kung Entertains Foreign Journalists

CHUNGKING, Jan. 15 (Central News).—Dr H. H. Kung, Vice-President of the Executive Yuan, yesterday entertained foreign journalists in Chungking at luncheon at the Chungling House immediately after a Japanese air raid.

He made a report in English of the work and progress of the Chinese Industrial Co-operatives, of which he is Chairman, and expressed appreciation of the generous support given by the people at home and abroad.

Mr M. A. Cairns of Courtland Hotel reported to the Police yesterday that he had lost \$20 worth of clothing from his room.

Demand For Doctors In Great Britain

LONDON, Jan. 14 (Reuter).—Because of the increasing demands on the services of doctors, certain overseas doctors can be included temporarily in the Medical Register. It is announced.

The main object of this is to enable civil hospitals to employ Dominion and foreign doctors. Those eligible fall into two classes, those qualified to practice in Canada or in the United States who are British nationals or citizens of the United States, and those qualified to practice in any part of the British Empire or the countries of our European allies, or in Germany or Italy.

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